



Donna Doutel Ebert, of the Boisset Collection, pours wine at the VIP Wine, Food & Brew event, featuring local wineries, breweries and restaurants, at the Fairfield Events Center, Saturday. (Robinson Kuntz/Daily Republic)

VIP Wine, Food and Brew at Tomato Festival

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FAIRFIELD — The VIP Wine, Food and Brew event welcomed visitors Saturday with some cool refreshments and a little place to rest away from the crowds at the 26th Annual Tomato Festival in downtown Fairfield.

They put out the red carpet at the Solano County Events Center for visitors to enjoy some wine, beer and a little tasting of food.

“It has been elevated to the experience I always wanted it to be,” said Margaret Manzo, executive director of the Fairfield Main Street Association.

Manzo was excited that the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce sponsored the event.

“We’ve got high-end food, too,” she said.

There was a fee for the VIP treatment, but with the free parking and no festival entrance fee, Manzo said she thinks it was a pretty good deal.

“The Soroptomists International of Central Solano County will receive the money raised from it,” she said.

The vendors help with the event's costs, which can be as high as \$75,000.

"I did more advertising this year, the tents cost \$4,000 each," Manzo said.

The weekend is an enormous effort that comes together with the help of many volunteers, including Travis Air Force Base.

"But it's all for the community. This really helps to showcase downtown Fairfield," Manzo said.

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