

Tasty treats in the County

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PICTON — It was a party fitting for the “gastronomic capital of Ontario.”

More than 40 vendors, representing the diverse food companies, wineries and restaurants in Prince Edward County, toasted themselves Saturday in a fall celebration to highlight the unique relationship the area’s eateries have with its food producers.

And participants in the seventh-annual Taste! event said it was all about showing good food can be both produced and sold here.

Andrew Hunter and Andrew Mackenzie, owners of the Picton restaurant Buddha Dog, said they would not have missed it for anything.

“This is one of the finest culinary areas in Canada,” said Mackenzie. “And this is one of the best food events in the world.”

He and Hunter were preparing organic turkey dogs from a vehicle outside the Crystal Palace at the Picton Fairgrounds.

Although it was not quite noon, the lineup for the dogs was several people deep.

The two had brought 675 dogs expecting to sell out before the 5 p.m. closing time.

The two, who recently opened a store in Toronto, said Taste! was like a homecoming party for them and a chance to show off locally made products.

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Andrew Hunter, co-owner of Buddah Dog, prepares some turkey dogs at Taste! on Saturday at the Picton fairgrounds.

