Zinfandel event mixes serious tasting with party atmosphere

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SAN FRANCISCO $\hat{a} \in$ It's 2:30 p.m. on a crazed Saturday. The folks from Lava Cap Winery are smiling and pouring wine and trying to be friendly and a little informative over the crowd noise that seems just short of that from a jet engine.

In front of Lava Cap's table is a clump of nine people, all with wine glasses, all waiting to taste. Behind them, a happy mass of maybe 5,000 people is roiling through the giant pier building at Fort Mason and the Grand Zinfandel Tasting.

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