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Calgary Stampede - Quiet Oasis Among the Crowds

The 2010 Calgary Stampede has brought the midway thrills and rodeo excitement that everyone looks forward to each year, but for those that seek a brief getaway from the crowds and the sun, look no further than the Western Oasis. Conveniently located in the BMO Centre in a separate section from the many vendor booths, this area brings a level of sophistication and culture to those out for an Urban-Chic Cowboy experience.

Take in some of Canada's finest western art on display, and chat with the local and visiting artists as they proudly showcase their work. OUTLOOKS stopped at the Wine Garden, where manager Stephen Welch detailed selections from over 20 varieties of Canadian and International wines. The wine specialists on hand offer great suggestions based on your preferences. One of our favorites is the Hardy's Stamp Series Riesling Gewürztraminer from Australia, with honey tones and backed by a slight spice and zing.

Sip a glass of wine, enjoy the art, get friendly with the living statues, dance to the Waltzing Waters show, and play a guessing game with the Speed Artist before heading back into the craziness of the midway for that extra corndog and crack at besting Whack-A-Mole. You'll thank us!

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