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CLASSIC WINES AUCTION ANNOUNCES 2010 ORVI AND VINI AWARD WINNERS – KEN AND GINGER HARRISON AND PAUL HART AND JAN JACOBSEN

Portland chefs Daniel Mondok of Sel Gris and Matthew Lightner of Castagna prepare Ambassadors Dinner at Portland Art Museum; and David Machado, Cory Schreiber and Julie Richardson prepare the Classic Wines Auction gala dinner for 700 guests

PORTLAND, OR. – (February 8, 2010) – Heather Martin, executive director of Classic Wines Auction, Inc. recently announced the winners of the 2010 ORVI and VINI awards to be presented at the 2010 Ambassadors Dinner on Friday, March 5, 2010 at the Portland Art Museum. Martin also announced the line-up of 2010 wine ambassadors to be honored at the event and guest chefs for both the Ambassadors Dinner and the Gala Auction. The Ambassadors Dinner is part of the week of wine and food events culminating in the 26th anniversary gala dinner auction on Saturday, March 6 at the Oregon Convention Center. For more information, please visit www.classicwinesauction.com.

2010 AWARD WINNERS:

ORVI AWARD: Paul Hart and Jan Jacobsen

Each year since 2002, the ORVI award has been awarded to individuals who have demonstrated significant achievements in building the Oregon wine industry and establishing its worldwide reputation. The award also recognizes individuals who have provided generous support to the Classic Wines Auction. Recent ORVI winners include: Earl Jones of Abacela, Bethel Heights, Susan Sokol Blosser, David Adelsheim and Ken Wright.

Paul Hart and Jan Jacobsen were newlyweds and serious Burgundy collectors in 1975 when a friend poured them a glass of the Eyrie Vineyard's first commercial Chardonnay and their lives were changed forever. As the founders of Rex Hill Winery in the 1980s, Paul and Jan were very involved in promoting Oregon wines to out-of state markets and helping to organize the precursor to the Oregon Wine Board. Throughout the decades, Paul served as President of the Yamhill County Wineries Association and also President of Pinot Noir America, an organization to promote the recognition of quality American Pinot Noir. In December, 2006 Paul and Jan sold Rex Hill to Bill and Deb Hatcher and their partners at A to Z Wineworks.

VINI AWARD: Ken and Ginger Harrison

Each year since 1992, the Classic Wines Auction has presented the VINI award to individuals who have used their enthusiasm and support of viticulture to create an environment where the enjoyment of wine can flourish. Recent VINI winners include: Dan Agnew, Wally Rhines, Robert G. Miller, Dennis and Diane Rawlinson, and Ed Maletis.

Ken and Ginger Harrison have been involved with the Classic Wines Auction for over 10 years, and have contributed their time and enthusiasm to help ensure the success of the organization, as well as the Oregon and Washington wine communities. Ken contributed 35 years of expertise to the business community of Portland, the last 12 as Chairman and CEO of Portland General Electric. One of his personal interests is winemaking and in 2002, he and Ginger joined John Abbott and Molly Galt to form Abeja. Today, Abeja produces some of the most highly acclaimed Cabernets and Chardonnays in the Northwest. Ginger has stayed active in many Portland area charities – from Albertina Kerr and the Dougy Center to SOLV. When Ken retired in 2000, Ginger took on the

responsibilities of overseeing the establishment and growth of The Inn at Abeja, now regarded as one of the top inns in the Northwest.

GERMANY'S ERSNT LOOSEN BRINGS INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE TO AUCTION

The honorary wine ambassadors serve as hosts for the Ambassadors Dinner the Friday evening prior to the Auction, and provide wines to be served at the Friday night dinner and Gala Auction. This honorary distinction is given each year to a designated winery in Oregon, Washington, and California, as well as to an international ambassador. The 2010 Wine Ambassadors include Bill and Cathy Stoller from Stoller Vineyards in Oregon's Willamette Valley, Ernst Loosen from Dr. Loosen Estate in Germany, David O'Reilly of Owen Roe in Washington and Cleo Pahlmeyer of Pahlmeyer in Napa, California.

AMBASSADORS DINNER FEATURES CHEFS DANIEL MONDOK AND MATTHEW LIGHTNER

Together, two of Portland's best new chefs will create a menu for 185 guests at the Ambassadors Dinner on Friday, March 5th at the Portland Art Museum. Daniel Mondok is the executive chef at Sel Gris and one of the owners of Foster Burger. Matthew Lightner is the new executive chef at Castagna and was recently honored by *Restaurant Hospitality Magazine* as "one of the top ten chefs to watch in 2010."

RESTAURATEUR DAVID MACHADO, CORY SCHREIBER AND JULIE RICHARDSON PREPARE AUCTION DINNER FOR 750 GUESTS

The Classic Wines Auction is honored to partner with David Machado, executive chef and owner of Lauro Mediterranean Kitchen, Vindalho and Nel Centro and Cory Schreiber, founder of Wildwood Restaurant, author and faculty member of the International Culinary School at the Art Institute of Portland. Julie Richardson, author and owner of Baker & Spice will prepare the dessert course.

"The collaboration between these three seasoned Portland food professionals will give our 26th gala auction a special touch," said Martin. "They all bring a commitment to local and seasonal products and have the experience to prepare a menu for more than 700 people at the auction."

Machado has received acclaims for his restaurants in *Esquire*, *Food Arts*, *Food & Wine*, *Bon Appetit* and the *Washington Post*. He is also a guest instructor at the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone and the California Culinary Academy. Cory Schreiber won the James Beard Award in 1998 for Best Chef Pacific Northwest and was inducted into the Nation's Restaurant News Fine Dining Hall of Fame in Chicago in 2003. He joined the faculty at the Art Institute of Portland in 2010 as its "culinary artist in residence." Schreiber is the author of two cookbooks: *Wildwood: Cooking from the Source in the Pacific Northwest* (2000) and *Rustic Fruit Desserts* (2009, co-authored by Julie Richardson). Richardson is also the owner of Baker & Spice, a warm and bustling neighborhood bakery featuring traditional and seasonal bread and pastry.

About Classic Wines Auction

Based in Portland, Oregon, the Classic Wines Auction, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to producing the Classic Wines Auction and related food and wine events to raise funds for five local charities benefiting children and families. Recognized as one of the top five charity auction events by the *Wine Spectator*, Classic Wines Auction has raised a total of \$21.6 million since its inception in 1982. The five charities benefiting from the fundraising include: Friends of the Children – Portland, Metropolitan Family Service, New Avenues for Youth, Trillium Family Services and YWCA Clark County. More than 700 guests attended the 25th anniversary gala event on Saturday, March 7, 2009. The 2010 Auction will be held on March 6. For more information, please visit www.classicwinesauction.com.