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28 RESTAURANTS, 51 WINERIES, 3 EVENINGS... HELPING 42,000 FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN NEED

Reservations now available for the 2010 Classic Wines Auction Winemaker Dinner Series pairing chefs and vintners for intimate dining experiences

PORTLAND, Oregon – (December 4, 2009) – Reserve your seat at one of the intimate winemaker dinners and support five area charities as part of the Classic Wines Auction's wine events leading up to the 26th anniversary gala auction in March 2010. Mix and mingle with some of the most respected winemakers from Oregon, Washington and California, as well as Portland's finest chefs at the 2010 Classic Wines Auction Winemaker Dinner series.

This year the annual event features 28 Portland and SW Washington restaurants and 51 wineries. Each participating restaurant will prepare a multi-course meal paired with wines from one or two different wineries with all proceeds supporting charities benefiting families and children in Oregon and Southwest Washington. The dinners begin at 6:30 p.m. on the evenings of March 2-4, 2010. Reservations are now being accepted online at www.classicwinesauction.com. Each dinner offers a varied number of seats depending on the venue and tickets are \$150 per person (tax deductible portion is \$65), including dinner, wine and gratuity. For more information, please call 503-972-0194.

Helping Children and Families

The Classic Wines Auction Board has selected five local charities to benefit from the 2010 auction and expanded series of events: Friends of the Children – Portland, Metropolitan Family Service, New Avenues for Youth, Trillium Family Services and YWCA Clark County. "Watching our community raise funds for programs that will impact more than 42,000 children and families is amazing," said executive director Heather Martin. Classic Wines Auction, Inc. has raised more than \$21.6 million since its inception in 1982.

28 Restaurants. 51 Wineries. 3 Memorable Evenings.

Winemaker Dinner Schedule:

Tuesday, March 2, 2010; 6:30 p.m.

- Alba Osteria & Enoteca with Bergevin Lane Vineyards and Stoller Vineyards
- Andina Restaurant with Matello Wines and Tamarack Cellars
- Bluehour with DeLille Cellars, O Wines and Scott Paul Wines
- Carlyle Restaurant with Broadley Vineyards and DePonte Cellars
- Clyde Common (in The Cleaners) with Domaine Serene Vineyards
- Departure Restaurant & Lounge with K Vintners
- Fenouil with Et Fille Wines and Torii Mor Winery
- Fratelli Ristorante with Walla Walla Vintners and Willamette Valley Vineyards
- Morton's the Steakhouse – Portland with Daedalus Cellars and Reiningner Winery
- ¡OBA! with Buty Winery and Rex Hill Vineyards
- Urban Farmer with Bethel Heights Vineyard and L'Ecole No. 41
- Wildwood Restaurant with Dunham Cellars and Shea Wine Cellars

Wednesday, March 3, 2010; 6:30 p.m.

- The Country Cat Dinner House and Bar with Patricia Green Cellars and Spring Valley Vineyard
- DOC with Stag's Leap Wine Cellars
- The Heathman Restaurant with Panther Creek Cellars and Silvan Ridge Winery
- Hudson's Bar & Grill at the Heathman Lodge with Amavi Cellars and Pepper Bridge Winery
- Jory Restaurant at the Allison Inn & Spa with Belle Pente Wine Cellars
- Lincoln Restaurant with Cristom Vineyards and Van Duzer Vineyards
- The Loft at Vibrant Table with Caprial and John Pence with Lago di Merlo Vineyards & Winery
- Olympic Provisions with Evening Land Vineyards and Northstar
- Tabla Mediterranean Bistro with Evesham Wood Vineyard & Winery, The Eyrie Vineyards and Black Cap

Thursday, March 4, 2010; 6:30 p.m.

- FiveSpice Bistro with Apolloni Vineyards and Seven Hills Winery
- Genoa Restaurant with Hamacher Wines and Ponzi Vineyards
- Gracie's Restaurant at the Hotel deLuxe with Basel Cellars Estate Winery and Erath Winery
- Noble Rot Wine Bar & Restaurant with Andrew Rich Winery
- Roots Restaurant and Bar with Domaine Drouhin Oregon
- Simpatica Dining Hall with Boedecker Cellars and de Lancellotti Family Vineyards
- Ten 01 with Soléna Estate and Pahlmeyer

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 750 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.