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FALL WINEMAKER DINNER SERIES BENEFITS PORTLAND AREA CHARITIES AND CELEBRATES OREGON'S BOUNTY

*Classic Wines Auction Joins with Oregon Bounty Promotion for Fall 2008 Winemaker Dinners --- from
Bend to Portland*

PORTLAND, Oregon – (September 2, 2008) – Celebrate Oregon's Bounty and support local area charities at the 2008 Fall Oregon Bounty Winemaker Dinner Series from November 11-13, 2008. The fall series expands on the popular Spring winemaker dinner series as part of the week of events leading up to the Classic Wines Auction annual gala fundraiser. The Fall dinners feature 10 Oregon restaurants and 14 wineries involved in the Oregon Bounty campaign that celebrates the state's wineries, restaurants, culinary destinations and inns and hotels. Proceeds from the dinners support the Classic Wines Auction and its local nonprofit partners benefiting families and children in Portland and Southwest Washington.

Reservations are now being accepted online at www.classicwinesauction.com for all 10 winemaker dinners. Each dinner offers a varied number of seats depending on the venue and tickets are \$150 per person, including dinner, wine and gratuity.

2008 Oregon Bounty Winemaker Dinner Schedule:

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

- Alberta Street Oyster Bar & Grill with Chehalem Winery
- The Heathman Restaurant and Bar with The Four Graces and Stoller Vineyards
- Higgins Restaurant with Lange Estate Winery and Vineyards

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

- Carafe Bistro with Maysara Winery and Scott Paul Wines
- Iorio Restaurant with Witness Tree Vineyard
- Southpark Seafood Grill and Wine Bar with Bethel Heights Vineyard and RoxyAnn Winery
- Ten 01 with Abacela and Montinore Estate

Thursday, November 13, 2008

- The Blacksmith (Bend) with Dobbles Family Estate
- Caprial's Westmoreland Kitchen with Van Duzer Vineyards
- Dundee Bistro (Dundee) with Ponzi Vineyards

Helping Children and Families

The Classic Wines Auction board has selected five local charities to benefit from the 2009 auction and related 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 children and families is the most memorable part of the annual auction," said executive director Heather Martin.

About Oregon Bounty:

Oregon Bounty is a two-month culinary tourism event celebrating the vintners, chefs, brewers, innkeepers and farmers who make Oregon taste so good. Enjoy great food, outstanding wine, beer and spirits,

and unforgettable travel destinations at hundreds of restaurants, craft breweries, artisan distilleries, wineries, and unique hotels and inns featuring seasonal lodging offers. The Oregon Bounty celebration runs Oct. 1 – Nov. 30 across the entire state. Go to TravelOregon.com/Bounty for details.

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 local charities benefiting children and families. Named as one of the top ten charity wine auctions for the past six years by *Wine Spectator* Magazine, CWA has raised almost \$19.4 million for Portland area charities since its inception in 1982. The 2009 auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2009 and will be the 25th anniversary of the auction. For more information, please visit. www.classicwinesauction.com or call 503-972-0194.