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CLASSIC WINES AUCTION RAISES OVER \$3 MILLION TO IMPROVE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN OREGON AND SW WASHINGTON

Classic Wines Auction Adds YWCA Clark County as one of the benefiting non-profits; Top Selling Lots included Napa Weekend with Peter Mondavi Jr., at Charles Krug Winery; 30-Bottle collection of Burgundy and Bordeaux; and 1932 Ford High-Boy Roadster

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PORTLAND, Oregon – (March 10, 2008) – The Classic Wines Auction, one of the country's top charity wine auctions, continued its steady growth from its beginnings in 1982 when it raised \$9,000 to the current record of over \$3 million raised at the March 1st auction to benefit five Portland area charities. The annual week-long events included a partnership with Taste Walla Walla, 33 winemaker dinners, an Ambassadors dinner and awards and the Gala Auction at the Oregon Convention Center. The five charities benefiting from auction revenues include Metropolitan Family Service, New Avenues for Youth, Friends of the Children, and Trillium Family Services and YWCA Clark County. Auction chairs were Linda Hickey, Mark Miller and Dan Agnew.

"This year's auction went above and beyond our expectations," said Heather Martin, executive director of the Classic Wines Auction. "The dynamic auction lots, generous guests and distinguished wine ambassadors created a one-of-a-kind event that showcases our commitment to helping children and families in need."

FOOD & WINE BEST NEW CHEFS CREATE PORTLAND TO PORTLAND MENU

Steve Corry, chef/owner of Five Fifty-Five in Portland, Maine and Gabriel Rucker, chef/owner of Le Pigeon in Portland, Oregon teamed up for the Ambassadors Dinner on Friday, February 29th to create a menu featuring ingredients from both coasts, including Oxtail Marmalade on Truffled Brioche, Creamy Caramelized Cauliflower and Maine Potato Soup with American Sturgeon Caviar and White Truffle Oil; Carlton Farms Pork Confit and Honey Bacon Cornbread with Maple Ice Cream.

The line-up of chef talent for the gala auction included: John Gorham of Toro Bravo in Portland, Oregon; Daisley Gordon of Campagne in Seattle; Thierry Rautureau of Rover's Seattle; Jonathan Sundstrom of Lark, Seattle and Dominique Geulin of St. Honore Boulangerie in Portland, Oregon. The week prior to the gala, 33 winemaker dinners featured the best chefs in Portland and Southwest Washington paired with winemakers from Oregon, Washington and California.

TOP LOTS INCLUDED NAPA WEEKEND WITH PETER MONDAVI, JR. AND 1932 FORD ROADSTER

Top lots at the 2008 Classic Wines Auction included a 1932 Ford High-Boy Roadster with custom tuck and roll leather interior and a custom removable top for \$115,000. Another transportation themed lot featured two 2008 Smart Cars with trunks filled with a selection of organic wines and sold for \$20,000 each. Renowned winemaker Peter Mondavi, Jr. donated a weekend at his family's Charles Krug Winery along with private jet transportation which sold twice for \$20,000 per package. A pair of "his and her" classic Harley Davidson motorcycles sold for \$29,000. The Art and Soul of Santa Fe Bombadier travel package sold for \$18,000 and included a tour of Santa Fe with Van Duzer vineyard owners Carl and Marilyn Thoma, and a trip aboard a Learjet 40XR from Bombardier FlexJet. The highest selling wine-only lot was a 30-bottle collection of Burgundy and Bordeaux from

top producers in France and sold for \$20,000. And the "Raise the Paddle" bid brought in a record-breaking \$900,000.

ORVI and VINI awards Recognize Service to Wine Industry and Philanthropy

The ORVI award was created to honor individuals who have helped the Oregon wine industry grow to world-class stature. The 2008 recipient was Bethel Heights Vineyard, established in 1977 by Terry and Ted Casteel and their wives, Marilyn Webb and Pat Dudley.

The VINI award honors individuals who have used their enthusiasm and support of viticulture to create an environment for the enjoyment of wine. The 2008 winner of the VINI award was Wally Rhines, Chairman and CEO of Mentor Graphics, a board member of Classic Wines Auction, and past co-chair of the auction.

The Koerner Rombauer Award for Service

Koerner Rombauer of Rombauer Vineyards in California has been a longstanding supporter of Classic Wines Auction for more than 11 years and served as the California Wine Ambassador in 1998. In recognition of Rombauer's ongoing support and generosity, a new award was created in his name in 2007 to recognize individuals who have consistently served, funded and supported the Classic Wines Auction and its benefiting charities. This year's recipient, Karen Hinsdale, President of the Cellar Door, was not identified as the recipient of the award until she was announced at the Ambassadors Dinner.

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 ten charity auction events by the *Wine Spectator*, Classic Wines Auction has raised a total of \$19.4 million since its inception in 1982. Co-chairs for the 2008 Classic Wines Auction were: Linda Hickey, Mark Miller and Dan Agnew. For more information, please visit.

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