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NOVEMBER 2009 WINEMAKER DINNER SERIES BENEFITS CLASSIC WINES AUCTION CHARITIES IN PORTLAND AND SW WASHINGTON

12 Chefs and 18 Winemakers Join Cause to Raise Money for Children and Families in Need

PORTLAND, Oregon – (September 22, 2009) – Eat local and support local Portland area charities at the 2009 Fall Winemaker Dinner Series from November 10-12, 2009. The Fall series adds to the popular Spring winemaker dinner series which is part of the week of events leading up to the Classic Wines Auction annual gala on March 6, 2010. The Fall 2009 dinner series features 12 chefs and 18 wineries. Proceeds from the dinners support the Classic Wines Auction and its local nonprofit partners serving families and children in Portland and Southwest Washington.

Reservations are now being accepted online at www.classicwinesauction.com for all 12 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.

2009 Fall Winemaker Dinner Schedule:

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

- Carlyle Restaurant with Anam Cara Cellars
- clarklewis with Patton Valley Vineyard and Brooks Wines
- ¡Oba! with Abacela Vineyards and Winery
- Wildwood Restaurant with Chehalem and Crowley Wines

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

- Acadia Bistro with Artisanal Wine Cellars
- El Gaucho with Sokol Blosser Winery
- The Heathman Restaurant and Bar with Evening Land Vineyards and Bërgstrom Wines
- Tabla Mediterranean Bistro with J. Christopher Wines

Thursday, November 12, 2009

- Andina Restaurant with Anne Amie Vineyards and Winery and Zerba Cellars
- Nel Centro with Apolloni Vineyards and Elk Cove Vineyards
- Roots Restaurant and Bar with Basel Cellars Estate Winery
- Ten 01 with Cristom Vineyards and Et Fille Wines

Helping Children and Families

The Classic Wines Auction board has selected five local charities to benefit from the 2010 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 meaningful part of our events," said executive director Heather Martin.

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 Metropolitan Family Service, New Avenues for Youth, Friends of the Children, 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.