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## **33 RESTAURANTS, 58 WINEMAKERS, 5 CHARITIES... 25 YEARS OF GIVING TO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN NEED**

*Reservations now available for the 2009 Classic Wines Auction Winemaker Dinner Series pairing chefs and vintners for intimate dining experiences*

PORTLAND, Oregon – (December 16, 2008) – Reserve your seat at one of the 33 winemaker dinners and support five area charities as part of the Classic Wines Auction's 2009 wine events leading up to the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala auction. Mix and mingle with some of the most respected winemakers from Oregon, Washington and California, as well as Portland's finest chefs, at the 2009 Classic Wines Auction Winemaker Dinner series.

This annual event features 33 Portland and SW Washington restaurants and 58 wineries. Each participating restaurant will prepare a gourmet 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 3-5, 2009. Reservations are now being accepted online at [www.classicwinesauction.com](http://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 2009 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 children and families is the most memorable part of the annual auction," said executive director Heather Martin. Classic Wines Auction, Inc. has raised more than \$19.4 million since its inception in 1982.

**33 Restaurants. 58 Winemakers. 3 Memorable Evenings.**

### **Winemaker Dinner Schedule:**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2009; 6:30 p.m.**

- Alba Osteria & Enoteca with Bishop Creek Cellars and Tamarack Cellars
- Andina Restaurant with Elk Cove Vineyards and Reiningner Winery – SOLD OUT
- Beast with Bergström Wines and Buty Winery – SOLD OUT
- Carlyle with Torii Mor Winery and Basel Cellars Estate Winery – SOLD OUT
- Chez Joly with Lago de Merlo Vineyards and Winery
- El Gaucho with Long Shadows Vintners – SOLD OUT
- FiveSpice Bistro with Brooks Winery and Bergevin Lane Vineyards
- The Heathman Restaurant with Shea Wine Cellars and Penner-Ash Wine Cellars
- Hudson's Bar & Grill at the Heathman Lodge with Van Duzer Vineyards
- Mingo West with Sokol Blosser Winery and Whitman Cellars
- ¡OBA! with Broadley Vineyards and Amavi Cellars
- Park Kitchen with Chehalem Winery
- Sel Gris with Westrey Wine Company and Seven Hills Winery

- Wildwood Restaurant with Rex Hill Vineyards and Matthews Estate

**Wednesday, March 4, 2009; 6:30 p.m.**

- Caprial's Westmoreland Kitchen with Stoller Vineyards and Pepper Bridge Winery
- Castagna with Matello and Walla Walla Vintners
- clarklewis with Adelsheim Vineyard and Leonetti Cellar – SOLD OUT
- DOC with Cristom Vineyards and J. Christopher Wines
- Fife with Witness Tree Vineyard
- Lincoln with Andrew Rich Winery and Anne Amie Vineyards
- Morton's The Steakhouse - Portland with Panther Creek Cellars and Silvan Ridge Winery – SOLD OUT
- Roux Restaurant with Argyle Winery and Patton Valley Vineyard
- Simpatica Dining Hall with Dobbles Family Estate

**Thursday, March 5, 2009; 6:30 p.m.**

- Ciao Vito with Lachini Vineyards and Mark Ryan Winery
- Gracie's at the Hotel Deluxe with Abacela Vineyards and Winery
- Gray's at the Park, Hilton Vancouver WA with Willamette Valley Vineyards
- Lucier with Archery Summit Winery and Pride Mountain Vineyards – SOLD OUT
- Paley's Place with Evesham Wood Vineyard and Winery and Abeja – SOLD OUT
- Roots Restaurant and Bar with Domaine Drouhin Oregon – SOLD OUT
- Tabla Mediterranean Bistro with Owen Roe and Woodward Canyon Winery
- Ten 01 with DeLille Cellars, O Wines and Beaux Frères
- 23 Hoyt with Belle Pente Wine Cellars and Sleight of Hand Cellars
- Urban Farmer at the Nines with Charles Krug Winery

**About Classic Wines Auction:**

Based in Portland, Oregon, the Classic Wines Auction, Inc. (CWA), 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 seven years by *Wine Spectator* Magazine, CWA has raised over \$19.4 million for Portland area charities since its inception in 1982. The 2009 Classic Wines Auction will take place Saturday, March 7, 2009. Charity partners for 2009 include Friends of the Children-Portland, Metropolitan Family Service, Trillium Family Services, New Avenues for Youth and YWCA Clark County. For more information, please visit [www.classicwinesauction.com](http://www.classicwinesauction.com) or call 503-972-0194.