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WINE COUNTRY CELEBRATION

Events scheduled for June in Greater Seattle and throughout Washington Wine Country

SEATTLE, Washington (May 3, 2010) - Now in its eighth year, the exclusive [Wine Country Celebration](#) has become the signature event of Washington's vineyard region. This month-long fundraiser - the first of its kind to be held at wineries throughout the wine growing appellations - attracts business and community leaders from around the state to celebrate, support the continuing growth of Washington's wine country. In its first seven years, the Wine Country Celebration has raised over \$2.7 million for Washington Wine Country programs that bring local organizations together to promote economic revitalization, wine and culinary tourism, and community well-being in the region. Events include:

Prequel Winemaker Dinners around Greater Seattle

Thursdays, June 3-17, 2010

Blueacre in Seattle, June 3

with Efesté, Maurice Cellars, Waters Winery, and Chef Kevin Davis

Cost: \$150 per person

Crush in Seattle, June 10

with DaMa Wines, DeLille Cellars, Sleight of Hand Cellars, and Chef Jason Wilson

Cost: \$150 per person

Canlis in Seattle, June 17

with Spring Valley Vineyard, Va Piano Vineyards, Hedges Family Estate, and Chef Jason Franey

Cost: \$300 per person

John Howie Steak in Bellevue, June 17

with JM Cellars, Amavi Cellars, Mark Ryan Winery, and Chef Mark Hipkiss

Cost: \$150 per person

Winemaker Dinners in the Vineyards throughout Washington Wine Country

Friday, June 18, 2010

Gilbert Cellars in Yakima

with Naches Heights Vineyard, Owen Roe Winery, and Chef Bobby Moore of Barking Frog

Cost: \$150 per person

Sheridan Vineyard in Zillah

with Darby Winery, Sparkman Cellars, and Chef Bear Ullman of The Marc Restaurant

Cost: \$150 per person

Mercer Estates in Prosser

with Swiftwater Cellars, Pepper Bridge Winery, and Chef Brad Patterson of Gasperetti's Restaurant

Cost: \$150 per person

Col Solare on Red Mountain

with Fidelitas, Hightower Cellars, and Chef Frank Magaña from Picazo 7Seventeen Restaurant

Cost: \$150 per person

Grand Gala Gone Easy Winemaker Dinner and Barrel Auction in Yakima

Saturday, June 20, 2010

Cost: \$1,000 per person (\$550 tax deductible)

The DeAtley Estate

This year, for the *Grand Gala Gone Easy*, we're changing things up. Enjoy a relaxed, intimate evening, sipping wines poured from the hands of Washington winemakers as Chef Peter Levine of Waterfront Seafood Grill in Seattle pairs them with five courses of fresh, local cuisine. Then wander into the library, where the winemakers will preview unbottled futures of aging wine, pulling samples directly from barrels for you to taste and bid on your favorites. This is a delicious opportunity to experience the Washington Wine Country lifestyle, taste classic Washington varietals, and support a great cause. Attire? Breathe easy. This year, it's wine country casual.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.winecountrycelebration.com or call 206.285.0514.

About Washington Wine Country:

Founded in 2003, Washington Wine Country is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting wine-related tourism and economic vitality by fostering collaborative regional partnerships throughout the celebrated wine growing region of Eastern Washington, where 99 percent of Washington State's wine grapes are grown. The region includes the Yakima Valley, Columbia Valley, Walla Walla Valley, Red Mountain and the newer appellations of the Columbia Gorge, Horse Heaven Hills, Rattlesnake Hills, Wahluke Slope, Snipes Mountain, and Lake Chelan. For more information on Washington Wine Country, please visit www.winecountrywashington.org.

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