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## Press Release

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# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Festival of Colorado Springs Wines from the Sun-Soaked Sonoma Valley featured April 18-19

**COLORADO SPRINGS** (March 21, 2008) – The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center is pleased to present the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Festival of Colorado Springs, April 18-19, which has become the premier wine festival in the Front Range.

This amazing weekend of over 300 wines, seminars, tastings, pairings and auctions will feature expert instruction from Master Sommeliers and Winemakers from the Sonoma Valley region.

The featured Sonoma Valley Winemakers include:

- **Jim Bundschu** | *Gundlach Bundschu Winery*
- **Steven Canter** | *Quivira Vineyards*
- **Ben Papapietro** | *Papapietro Perry Winery*
- **Mick Schroeter** | *Geyser Peak Winery*
- **Susie Selby** | *Selby Winery*

All proceeds from the event, including Friday's Grand Tasting & Wine Market Auction and Saturday's Gourmet Winemaker Dinner & Live Auction, will benefit the Fine Arts Center.

"The Wine Festival Committee is thrilled that the proceeds from this year's Festival are helping bring the upcoming Marilyn Monroe and Pablo Picasso exhibitions to the Fine Arts Center," said Committee Coordinator **Chelle Mason**.

"The idea has always been to throw a great weekend-long party, where people can come together and mingle, sample and taste, learn and discuss and dine and dance, all the while raising funds to make a real impact on the Colorado Springs arts community. That has really come to fruition."

All events are open to the public with FAC Members receiving discounted rates (listed below). Reservations are required for all events except the Grand Tasting, where walk-ins are accepted. Call the FAC Box Office at 719.634.5583 to reserve your spot or go online at [csfineartscenter.org](http://csfineartscenter.org).

Tickets can be purchased by event or via the Gala Festival Package, which includes admission to all events. Plus, The Broadmoor Hotel and the Garden of the Gods Club are offering special Wine Festival accommodation rates as well.

This event is made possible by the generous support of Presenting Sponsor **Porsche of Colorado Springs** as well as Founding Sponsors, **Coaltrain Wine & Spirits** and **Cravings. Blue Fox Photography, Jean-Marie Designs** and **KCME** are this year's In-Kind Sponsors.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 18

### **Making the Most of Your Senses – How to Taste Wine Blind**

5:30 p.m.

The Broadmoor | Broadmoor Hall

\$30 per guest (\$15 tax deductible)

Led by Master Sommelier **Doug Krenik** and **Brent Zimmerman**, you'll start with a component tasting of acid, sugar, alcohol and tannin, followed by a blind tasting of six wines from Old and New Worlds.

### **Grand Tasting & Wine Market Auction**

7:00 p.m.

The Broadmoor | Broadmoor Hall

\$65 per FAC member | \$70 per non-member  
(\$40 tax deductible)

Colorado Springs' best date night! Come join this sell-out event, featuring over 300 wines, plus culinary delights from many of our region's finest restaurants and caterers. Place your bids at the silent Wine Market auction and dance the night away to the live tunes of the **Shadow Mountain Band**.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 19

### **Sonoma Valley Wine Seminar**

10:30 a.m.

Garden of the Gods Club's Sunrise Room  
at 3320 Mesa Road

\$30 per guest | \$15 tax deductible

Under the guidance of our experts, taste and compare the varied wines of this region. From stately and historic chateaus to rustic country barns, each wine grower in Sonoma Valley finds unique ways of coaxing the environment to yield the finest in flavors and styles of wines.

### **Classic Food & Wine Pairing**

12:30 p.m.

Paragon Culinary School, 3125 Sinton Road

\$50 per guest (\$10 tax deductible)

Join **Chef Victor Matthews** at his Paragon Culinary School for this Festival favorite. Chef and the Winemakers will explain how to pair exquisite food with the perfect wine as this delicious, sell-out luncheon seminar.

### **Gourmet Winemaker Dinner & Live Auction**

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. | Live auction at 8:30 p.m.

Garden of the Gods Club | 3320 Mesa Road

\$150 per FAC member | \$175 per non-member  
(\$75 tax deductible)

Dress: Cocktail Attire

The culmination of the Festival is the Gourmet Winemaker Dinner and Live Auction. The evening begins with a five-course gourmet dinner, each course paired with the elegant wines of our distinguished guest Winemakers and concludes with the region's premier live auction of rare and one-of-a-kind collectible wine and wine-related lifestyle packages.

### **Gala Festival Package Rate**

\$300 per FAC member | \$340 per non-member  
(\$160 tax deductible) ... Includes all events. No substitutions, exchanges or refunds.

### **Wine Festival Lodging Rates**

Available on a space available basis

\$135 at the Garden of the Gods

Call 719.632.5541

Mention "Wine Festival" to make reservations

\$140 at the Broadmoor Hotel

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