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Top Seattle Chefs Donate Time and Talent to Benefit Seattle Children's Hospital

More than 30 of the Pacific Northwest's top chefs to volunteer at 22nd annual Auction of Washington Wines

SEATTLE (July 20, 2009) – The Auction of Washington Wines takes place the weekend of August 13th through the 15th; but before the weekend celebration begins in the Puget Sound area, a new event called Revelry on Red Mountain will take place near the Tri-Cities. Chef and Owner of Prosser's renowned Picazo7Seventeen, Frank Magaña, will be serving up specially prepared bites to complement the wines poured from the seventeen area wineries who are attending. The "revelry" begins on Sunday, August 9 at 6 pm on the terrace of the spectacular Col Solare winery on Red Mountain, and tickets are still available.

During the Barrel Auction and Picnic with the Winemakers on Thursday, August 13, five celebrated chefs will work to create a gourmet picnic that is sure to please event patrons. Tulalip Resort Casino chefs David Buchanan, Perry Mascitti and Dean Shinagawa will work alongside Andaluca Executive Chef Wayne Johnson and Rainier Club Executive Chef Bill Morris to delight more than 1,000 guests busy bidding on the barrel and silent auctions and tasting unforgettable wines at the Chateau Ste. Michelle estate in Woodinville.

On Friday night, patrons will visit private homes throughout the Puget Sound area to experience intimate dinners with their favorite Washington winemakers and regional chefs. This year there are more winemaker dinners than in any years past, giving guests more opportunities to enjoy a privately prepared meal by their favorite culinary artist. Over 20 chefs will be creating menus specifically designed to pair with the fabulous wines being poured. Guests can be treated to dinner prepared by Seattle icon Tom Douglas, Lark chef/owner John Sundstrom, Top Chef Season 4 winner Stephanie Izard, French cuisine expert Thierry Rautureau of Rover's, Jason Wilson of Crush, or one of many more chefs donating their time and talent for Seattle Children's Hospital.

Finally, eleven chefs including Ray's Boathouse Executive Chef Peter Birk, Chateau Ste. Michelle chefs Janet Hedstrom and John Sarich, Chef/Owner of Seastar Restaurant & Raw Bar John Howie, and Mike Davis, Executive Chef at The Restaurants at Bellevue Towers: Purple Café & Wine Bar/Barrio will be hard at work Saturday, August 15th preparing a six-course menu for patrons at the Auction of Washington Wines Gala.

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