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Revelry on Red Mountain Featuring 17 Area Wineries

New event in Benton City to raise money benefitting Seattle Children's Hospital

SEATTLE (July 20, 2009) - Summer is in full swing throughout Washington, and the state's original, largest and most prestigious charity auction showcasing the stars of Washington wine is just around the corner. The theme this year is Starry Starry Night, and a new and exciting event in Eastern Washington kicks off the Van Gogh-inspired affair.

For the first time in its 22-year history, the Auction of Washington Wines is leaving the Seattle city lights behind for an evening with the stars from atop Red Mountain at the Col Solare winery. But the sky won't be the only thing shining on Sunday, August 9th as celebrated vintners pour their wines, many made from grapes sourced on this magnificent hillside.

Guests will sample tastes of Bookwalter, Cadence, Chinook Wines, Col Solare, Corvus Cellars, Fidelitas, Gamache Vintners, Goedhart Family, Grande Reve Vintners, Hedges Family Estate, Hightower, Kiona Vineyards and Winery, Mercer Estates, Milbrandt Vineyards, Snoqualmie Vineyards, Tapteil Vineyard Winery, and Terra Blanca Winery & Estate Vineyard while watching the beautiful sunset over the Horse Heaven Hills.

Revelry on Red Mountain takes place in Benton City on Sunday, August 9 from 6 pm-9 pm. The stunning Col Solare winery hosts the party, held on a terrace offering panoramic views of Red Mountain and the Yakima Valley. The Chef and Owner of Prosser's renowned Picazo Seventeen restaurant will be serving flavorful accompaniments to the notable wines being poured.

After all the "revelry" has finished, guests can travel west to Woodinville for the official Auction from August 13th through the 15th. Featuring festive events all weekend long, proceeds benefit uncompensated care at Seattle Children's Hospital and the Washington Wine Education Foundation.

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