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**WINE LUMINARIES TO JUDGE 2010 PORTLAND INDIE WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL**

**PORTLAND, OR (MAR. 4, 2010)** – THE SIXTH ANNUAL PORTLAND INDIE WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL HAS ANNOUNCED THE NAMES OF THE TWELVE PEOPLE WHO WILL JURY WINES TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MAY 8TH FESTIVAL.

JUDGES WILL TRAVEL FROM EUROPE, NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO TO DO A BLIND-TASTING TO RATE OREGON'S BEST ARTISANAL WINES. THE CALIBER OF JUDGES AND THE EASE WITH WHICH THEY ARE RECRUITED AFFIRMS OREGON'S POSITION AS A WORLD-CLASS WINE PRODUCTION REGION.

“WE'RE THRILLED THAT THE INTEREST IN OREGON'S WINE INDUSTRY IS SO STRONG AND THAT OUR PANEL OF JUDGES IS INTERESTED IN DISCOVERING THE REGION'S NEXT GEMS,” SAYS PIWF FOUNDER LISA DONOUGHE.

JUDGES SCHEDULED FOR THE 2010 PIWF ARE:

MICHAEL DAVIES, WINEMAKER, A TO Z WINeworks  
ALICE FEIRING, JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR  
JOHN GROCHAU, WINEMAKER, GC WINES  
TIM KENNEDY, WINEMAKER, DON CARLO VINEYARD  
TONI KETRENOS, WINE BUYER, NEW SEASONS MARKET  
TED LOOS, FREELANCE WINE WRITER, *TOWN & COUNTRY AND SHERMAN'S*  
CLAUD MANN, CHEF OF TBS' DINNER & A MOVIE  
NAOMI POMEROY, CHEF/OWNER, BEAST  
JASON SMITH, DIRECTOR OF WINE, BELLAGIO, LAS VEGAS  
BERNARD “BERNIE” SUN, CORPORATE BEVERAGE DIRECTOR, JEAN-GEORGES MANAGEMENT  
CATHY WHIMS, CHEF/OWNER, NOSTRANA  
SUMMER WOLFF, WINE BROKER, SOKOLIN, AMERICA'S PREMIER FINE WINE MERCHANT

THE JURY WILL ASSEMBLE AT THE HOTEL VINTAGE PLAZA ON MARCH 15 TO EVALUATE AND RATE MORE THAN 150 WINES VYING FOR ONE OF 40 WINERY SPACES AT THE FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE MAY 8 AT THE BISON BUILDING. NEARLY 70 OF OREGON'S CRAFT WINERIES—THOSE PRODUCING 2,500 OR FEWER CASES ANNUALLY—SUBMITTED WINES TO BE POURED AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL PIWF.

PRODUCERS SHOWCASED AT THE PIWF REPRESENT THE HEART AND SOUL OF OREGON'S WORLD-CLASS WINE INDUSTRY. THE EVENT—FEATURING TASTINGS FROM SOME OF THE CITY'S BEST RESTAURANTS AND CHEFS—HAPPENS IN INNER NORTHEAST PORTLAND AT THE BISON BUILDING FROM 2P.M. – 6P.M.

“PRODUCERS FEATURED AT THE PIWF TAKE THEIR CRAFT VERY SERIOUSLY IN THAT THEY ARE SUPER FOCUSED ON MAKING WINE THAT IS A TRUE REFLECTION OF THE VINTAGE AND THE STATE’S VARIOUS MICRO-CLIMATES. IT’S WINE THAT, TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITIES, REPRESENTS THEIR OWN VISION OF WHAT WINE SHOULD BE,” DONOUGHE SAYS.

THE PORTLAND INDIE WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL IS A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WINEMAKERS FROM CELLARS EMERGING ACROSS THE STATE WHO HAVE YET TO BE DISCOVERED BY MAINSTREAM WINE RETAILERS, ALL IN ONE PLACE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [WWW.INDIEWINEFESTIVAL.COM](http://WWW.INDIEWINEFESTIVAL.COM) OR CALL 503-595-0891. TICKETS ARE ON SALE. PURCHASE AT [WWW.INDIEWINEFESTIVAL.COM/TICKETS](http://WWW.INDIEWINEFESTIVAL.COM/TICKETS).

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