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DURANGO WINE EXPERIENCE

Scenic mountain town welcomes more than 300 wineries at fourth-annual wine festival

Durango, CO—Known for its extreme adventures, world class biking, blue ribbon rivers and a great mountain setting; Durango, Colorado has found its place in the wine world. Multiple Wine Spectator acclaimed restaurants, enotech classes, top sommeliers and wine merchants have added to the Durango's wine credibility and made it the perfect environment for a wine event. Tickets are now available for the fourth-annual Durango Wine Experience held May 6, 7 & 8, 2010.

This three-day event begins with a Thursday evening VIP welcome reception for Winery owners, winemakers, Winery Representatives, Sponsors and Platinum pass holders, offering the opportunity to meet the participating wine experts. IN addition to wine dinners and seminars, there are two major wine tastings: a "Walk-About Durango" a moving tasting held at seven downtown locations on Friday, May 7 and the "Grand Tasting" on Saturday, May 8. The Grand Tasting takes place under the festival tent at the First National Bank of Durango and will feature 50 wineries from around the world including Duckhorn, Witness Tree, Banfi Vintners, Justin Winery, and Penfolds. Four educational wine seminars will be presented and wine dinners will take place at various downtown restaurants in historic downtown Durango on Friday and Saturday evenings. Only 500 tickets will be available for each of the major wine tastings and seminar seating is limited.

This year's festival is being co-chaired by Karen Barger, sommelier and owner of the Wine Spectator-accredited restaurant, Seasons and Joe Leder, sommelier and owner of Durango Liquor & Wine Co. and Animas Wine & Spirits. Event coordinator is Leah A. Deane, sommelier, WSET Advanced Certified and Wine Specialist for RNDC Colorado. Beneficiary for the 2010 Wine Experience is The United Way of Southwest Colorado.

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