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Update: Sonoma Wine Country Weekend, Presented by Visa Signature® Sept 3-5, 2010

Final Details Announced for Sonoma Valley Harvest Wine Auction's All-Star Chefs Menu Led by Culinary Chair John Ash

Featuring Special Course by Celebrity Chef Hubert Keller and Kendall-Jackson Wine Estates Executive Chef Justin Wangler

Sonoma, Ca (August 30, 2010) Sonoma County's vibrant culinary scene takes center stage at the [18th Annual Sonoma Valley Harvest Wine Auction presented by Trilogy Glass](#) on Sept 5 at Cline Cellars. An all-star line up of Sonoma County chefs will showcase fresh seasonal ingredients from local artisan farms and food purveyors in a sumptuous menu designed to complement Sonoma County's diverse array of world class wines. For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.SonomaWineCountryWeekend.com.

Led by Culinary Chair John Ash and Celebrity Chef and "Top Chef Masters" winner Hubert Keller of Fleur de Lys, the roster of auction chefs includes **Justin Wangler** (Kendall-Jackson Wine Estates), who will team with Keller on an Oxtail, Fingerling Potatoes and Truffle, "Cappuccino", as well as **John Toulze** (the girl & the fig) **Chris Jones** (ESTATE), **Josh Silvers** (Syrah Bistro), **Jeff Mall** (Zin Restaurant & Wine Bar), **Janine Falvo** (Carneros Bistro & Wine Bar at the Lodge at Sonoma), **Justin Everett** (El Dorado Kitchen), **Carlo Cavallo** (Sonoma Meritage Restaurant & Oyster Bar), **Bruce Riezenman** (Park Avenue Catering), **Mark Stark** (Willi's Wine Bar, Monti's Rotisserie & Bar and Stark's Steakhouse) and **Duskie Estes** and **John Stewart** (Zazu and bovolo).

"As a chef, it doesn't get much better than this," said Wangler. "To work with the finest Sonoma County ingredients, along side one of the world's great masters, Hubert Keller, at one of the country's most prestigious food and wine events. It's very exciting."

Highlights of the Sonoma County-grown menu include Curried Gravenstein Apple Miniature Grilled Cheese Sandwiches; Eastside Farm Eggplant Caponata; Wine Barrel Stave Roasted Certified Angus Beef Natural "Steak Florentine"; locally-raised Pomegranate & Herb Grilled Lamb Loin; Arbequina Extra Virgin Olive Oil by The Olive Press; breads by Basque Boulangerie; artisan cheeses from Vella, Laura Chenel, Bellwether Farms, Redwood Hill and Carneros Caves; and Black Pig Bacon from chef **Duskie Estes, who, it was just announced, will compete this fall on the Food Network's Next Iron Chef.** A copy of the full menu is available upon request.



About Sonoma Wine Country Weekend

A partnership between Sonoma Valley Vintners & Growers Foundation and Sonoma County Vintners, Sonoma Wine Country Weekend is the area's largest wine and food fundraiser, having jointly donated more than \$10 million to local charities that support students, children, farm workers and people in need. The 2010 Sonoma Wine Country Weekend is presented by **Visa Signature®**. Visa Signature cardholders will receive exclusive benefits throughout the event. In addition to Visa Signature, the 2010 Sonoma Wine Country Weekend is being made possible by the following sponsors: **Caliber WinePak, MacMurray Ranch®, Trilogy Glass & Packaging, Wine Spectator, Wall Street Journal, San Francisco Magazine, Cline Cellars and Jacuzzi Family Vineyards**. For a complete list of beneficiaries and sponsors of the 2010 Sonoma Wine Country Weekend, please visit www.SonomaWineCountryWeekend.com.

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