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## **“Gifts from the Earth”**

15 Seattle Chefs Pair up with 30 Washington Wineries to Create  
Winemaker Dinner of the Year!

Seattle, WA – An all-star cast of 15 award-winning chefs from the Seattle area will join with 30 Washington State wineries to create the 3rd annual **“Gifts from the Earth”** gala on January 28<sup>th</sup> at South Seattle Community College.

Individual chefs will prepare multi-course dinners for two tables of 10 guests each. Each chef will be joined by two Washington winemakers who will pour specially selected wines that will be paired with each course.

“Gifts from the Earth” is a culinary experience that will tease the senses and delight the palate,” said Dr. Jill Wakefield, president of the college. The gala is sponsored by the South Seattle Community College Foundation. Proceeds will benefit the Foundation, providing support for College programs and student scholarships. The evening will include live and silent auctions, featuring fine wine and food packages.

Chefs include: Wayne Johnson – Andaluca, Bobby Moore – Barking Frog, John Sarich – Chateau Ste. Michelle, Bruce Ross – Columbia Tower Club, Kaspar Donier – Kaspar’s Catering, Eddie Montoya – Ovio Bistro, Tony LaVelle - 02, Bill Morris – The Rainier Club, Charles Ramseyer – Ray’s Boathouse, Roy Breiman – Salish Lodge, Dan Thiessen, Jerry McLachlan – Salty’s, Hans Reisinger – Six Seven, Stephen Sparks – South Seattle Community College Culinary Arts, and Vicky McCaffree – Yarrow Bay Grill.

Participating wineries include: Apex Cellars, Apex II, Basel Cellars, Beresan Winery, Boudreaux Cellars, Chandler's Reach, Chateau Ste. Michelle, Di Stefano, Forgeron Cellars, Gamache Vintners, Goose Ridge Winery, Hogue Cellars, J. Bookwalter Winery, JM Cellars, Kestrel Vintners, Maryhill Winery, Nota Bene Cellars, Northstar, O. S. Winery, Page Cellars, Pendulum, Robert Karl Cellars, Ryan Patrick Vineyards, Saintpaulia Vintners, Sandhill Winery, Soos Creek Wine Cellars, Tsillan Cellars, Vin du Lac, Willis Hall, Wilridge Winery and Yakima Cellars.

South Seattle Community College is where the culinary arts are celebrated, with Culinary Arts, and Pastry & Baking Arts programs accredited by the American Culinary Federation, and where the new Northwest Wine Academy began wine production in September. This year the college marks 30 years of training tomorrow's hospitality professionals with real-world skills working in full-service dining rooms on campus.

### Ticket Sales

More information on ticket sales to "Gifts from the Earth" may be obtained by contacting the South Seattle Community College Foundation – 206.764.5809 or e.mail – [ssccfoundation@sccd.ctc.edu](mailto:ssccfoundation@sccd.ctc.edu). Individual tickets are \$150. Corporate and table sponsorships ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000 are also available.

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