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Arizona Biltmore's 20th Season of Winemaker Dinners Features Guest Chefs Creating Unique Menus Paired with Acclaimed Wines

PHOENIX, Arizona, Sept. 15, 2009 – The Arizona Biltmore is pouring its 20th season of Winemaker Dinners, holding eight monthly epicurean events from October 2009 to May 2010 that feature noted California, Washington, Oregon and French wines along with guest chefs from top resorts nationwide.

For the 2009-2010 season, the dinners will showcase wineries from famed wine-growing regions including California's Napa Valley and Sonoma County, Washington state's Columbia Valley, Oregon's Willamette Valley and Reims, France. The dinners will be held in the historic resort's signature restaurant, Wright's at The Biltmore.

Each event will feature a unique menu of four to six courses, with a complementary wine poured with each course. Three of the dinners will be prepared by guest chefs from nationally known resorts including Boca Raton Resort & Club, La Quinta Resort & Spa and Hotel Del Coronado. Wright's Chef de Cuisine Conor Favre and other Biltmore chefs will create the other menus. A representative of the dinner's featured winery will participate in the epicurean evening, talking about the wines, answering questions and spending time with guests.

A sparkling and unique feature, not offered at other such dining events, will be creative displays of beautiful designed jewelry by Molina Fine Jewelers of Phoenix – creating a perfect pairing at each dinner of fine wine, gourmet cuisine and fabulous jewels.

A reception at 7:00 p.m. is followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$125 per person. A season ticket for all eight dinners is \$875 per person, in advance. Tax and 18 percent gratuity will be added. For reservations, please call 602-381-7632.

The 20th season of Winemaker Dinners will feature the following wineries:

- **Oct. 1, 2009:** Heitz Cellars, Napa Valley.
- **Nov. 5, 2009:** Erath & St. Michelle Wine Estates, Columbia Valley/Willamette Valley.
- **Dec. 3, 2009:** Taittinger, Reims, France.
- **Jan. 7, 2010:** ZD Wines, Napa Valley.
- **Feb. 4, 2009:** B.R. Cohn Winery, Sonoma County.
- **Mar. 4, 2009:** Rubicon Estate-Francis Coppola, Napa Valley.
- **Apr. 1, 2009:** Newton Vineyards, Napa Valley.
- **May 6, 2009:** Rombauer Vineyards, Napa Valley.

The Arizona Biltmore has been an Arizona landmark since opening in 1929, when it was crowned the "Jewel of the Desert." The legendary *Grand Dame* remains one of the most recognized resorts in the world for its distinctive Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, luxurious facilities, and storied history as a playground of the rich and famous. Nestled on 39 acres at the foot of the Phoenix Mountain Preserve, it offers: 738 guest accommodations; full-service Spa, Salon and Fitness Center; two 18-hole golf courses; six restaurants and lounges including comfort food in Frank & Albert's and

American Lodge Cuisine in Wright's at The Biltmore; and eight swimming pools including the Paradise Pool for the ultimate in family fun.

For information and reservations: 800-950-0086 or www.arizonabiltmore.com. The Arizona Biltmore is managed by Hilton Hotels and is a member of Hilton's exclusive Waldorf=Astoria Collection®. <http://www.waldorfastoriacollection.com/>.

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