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Wine Weekend Poured On the Summer Fun!

Washington Wines Festival thanks its participants and sponsors for a standout 20th anniversary event

SEATTLE--July 12, 2011-- Fresh from its 20th annual fund-raising event, the nonprofit Washington Wines Festival extends a sincere "thank you" for those who made Washington Wine Weekend, held July 7-9 throughout Seattle, the Eastside, and greater Washington state a successful, standout event. More than 250 attendees and 60 premium Washington wineries helped raise funds for Camp Korey and Washington Wine Education Foundation. This year's event will help edge the Festival closer to its 20-year fundraising total of nearly \$7 million; 2011 numbers are still being tabulated.

The Festival kicked off Thursday evening with winemaker dinners in top Seattle and Bellevue restaurants and at patrons'/winemakers' properties around the state. Friday night brought a magnum tasting and winemaker dinner at Waterfront Seafood Grill with entertainer Geoffrey Castle. Concurrent reveling rounded out Friday's party at SAM's Olympic Sculpture Park during Vinolution 14, where 14 vintners showed off their barrel best, DJ Machete rocked the house and Lucia Neare's Theatrical Wonders amused crowds. Saturday night, the main event dazzled Bell Harbor Conference Center's Maritime Events Center. John Curley presented up-for-bid wine packages, guests enjoyed a sunset barbecue dinner, and danced to rockabilly on the rooftop with the Dusty 45s. Honorees Kay Simon and Clay Mackay of Chinook Winery were recognized for their work as outstanding ambassadors of Washington Wine.

Washington Wines Festival thanks its 2011 sponsors, including Pepsico, its title sponsor; corporate sponsors Oh Boy! Oberto, Isernio's Sausage, Mars Chocolate North America, and S. Pellegrino; and in-kind sponsors The Design Poole, Fresh Northwest Design, Vehrs, Krusteaz, Yelp, Pop Chips and El Gaucho. It also thanks the 60 premium Washington [wineries](#) and restaurants Pearl Bar & Dining, Capital Grille, Staple & Fancy Mercantile, Urban Enoteca, WSU's Jamie Callison, Waterfront Seafood Grill, Wild Ginger and the generous patrons who helped carry out the entire three-day event.

About The Washington Wines Festival

The Washington Wine Festival is a nonprofit created to raise awareness and educate the world about the Washington wine industry and raise funds for select charitable organizations. The Washington Wine Education Foundation exists to provide funding for world-class enology and viticulture research, education and training programs specific to Washington State. To date, the Festival has raised well over \$6 million dollars for charitable organizations. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Washington Wines Festival legacy of giving, [Camp Korey](#) and the Washington Wine Education Foundation.

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