

TULALIP RESORT CASINO HONORED BY WASHINGTON WINE COMMISSION

Taste of Tulalip Named “Best Event Featuring Washington Wine”

TULALIP, Wash. – (April 14, 2010) – Tulalip Resort Casino, a AAA Four Diamond resort destination located forty minutes north of Seattle, has been awarded the Washington Wine Restaurant Award for “Best Event Featuring Washington Wine” by the Washington Wine Commission for its 2009 Taste of Tulalip event.

The first annual Taste of Tulalip was held Nov. 14 and 15, 2009, and more than 500 guests attended the two-day event celebrating Northwest wine, food and tradition. A variety of Washington wines, hand selected by Tulalip Resort Casino’s award winning sommelier Tommy Thompson, complemented the gourmet seven-course Celebration Dinner prepared by Executive Chef Perry Mascitti’s culinary team. The wines Thompson selected were Hudson Shah Viognier, McCrea Cellars Roussanne, DeLille Cellars D2, JM Cellars Longevity, Nicholas Cole ‘Reserve’ Red, Dunham Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon and Northwest Totem Cellars Late Harvest Viognier. Other Taste of Tulalip events included guest appearances by local winemakers, a variety of wine education seminars, a panel discussion, culinary demonstrations and wine sampling from more than 60 area wineries including Betz Family Winery, Andrew Will Winery and Chateau Ste. Michelle.

“We are deeply honored to have Taste of Tulalip receive Best Event Featuring Washington Wines in its first year,” said Brett Magnan, executive vice president of Tulalip Resort Casino. “We put a lot of thought and effort into making this an event that showcases Washington wine while complementing the culinary creations crafted by the amazing chefs of our five premier restaurants.”

In addition to the “Best Event Featuring Washington Wine” award, Tulalip Bay, the exceptional dining establishment at Tulalip Resort Casino, received the “Washington Wine Grand Award,” an award recognizing industry leaders for their ongoing support of the Washington wine industry by designating menu and wine list space for local wines.

The Washington Wine Restaurant Awards are given by the Washington Wine Commission to recognize the efforts of area businesses that promote and support the Washington wine industry. Each nominated restaurant is evaluated on various criteria including wine lists, service and staffing, promotions and overall wine philosophy. The

winners were announced on March 26 at the awards ceremony in Seattle and the restaurants that received the awards will be featured in the May issue of both *Seattle Business Magazine* and *Seattle Magazine*.

The 2010 Taste of Tulalip event will take place on Friday, November 12 and Saturday, November 13. For more information, email AngieP@tulalipresort.com or visit www.tasteoftulalip.com.

About Tulalip Resort Casino

With the opening of its new luxury hotel, Tulalip Resort Casino has become the largest and most distinctive meeting, gaming, entertainment and shopping destination in Washington State. What began with a bingo hall established by the Tulalip Tribes in 1983, has evolved into a world-class resort destination which includes: the region's "# 1 Place for Fun" Tulalip Casino with 192,000 square feet of gaming; six dining venues headlined by the exceptional Tulalip Bay Restaurant; the intimate Canoes Cabaret; the 3,000-seat Tulalip Amphitheatre, a leading entertainment venue; and the Seattle Premium Outlets, featuring more than 110 name brand retail discount outlets. The crown jewel of Tulalip Resort Casino is its new luxury hotel featuring 370 guestrooms and suites, as well as premier meeting, convention and wedding space, and an elegant, 14,000 square foot, full-service spa. Surrounded by the Cascade Mountains and Puget Sound, Tulalip Resort Casino is situated on 83 acres within the municipality of Quil Ceda Village on the Tulalip Indian Reservation. Tulalip Resort Casino is conveniently located between Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. just off Interstate-5 at exit 200 and is an enterprise of the Tulalip Tribes. For reservations please call (866) 716-7162 or visit: www.tulalipresort.com.

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