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MASSES OF GLASSES AND PLATTERS OF FUN AT TASTE OF TULALIP 2011
The Eight Great Food & Wine Wonders of Chef Perry and Som Tom Thompson

Tulalip, Washington---Food and wine maestros Chef Perry Mascitti and Sommelier Tommy Thompson have put together a score of eight distinct “wine, food and tradition” experiences for the 3rd annual Taste of Tulalip. The two day enological and culinary extravaganza, held at the four-diamond Tulalip Resort Casino, has been recognized as one of the top Northwest foodie “happenings”. A star-studded encounter of the wine kind, Taste of Tulalip will take place on November 11 & 12. Each event may be purchased separately or as a package at www.tasteoftulalip.com.

The weekend begins with a Friday poolside reception and six-course *Celebration Dinner* paired with Washington wines in the Grand Orca Ballroom, followed by a *VIP after-party* in the mPulse Lounge. During the evening, Tulalip Resort Casino will present a check to the weekend’s charitable partner, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, drawn from the ticket sale proceeds.

On Saturday, the Taste continues with a visit by Top Chef alum and ABC television host Carla Hall. She will be joined for a cooking demo and tasting in the Canoe Cabaret by emcee and “Head Thrifty Girl”, Leslie Sbrocco. Next up is the expansive Grand Taste showcasing over 100 wines from Washington, Napa and Italy paired with an abundant array of fare from the Tulalip culinary team. Other “don’t miss” events include Chef and mixology expert Kathy

Casey holding court at the Magnum Party in the mPulse Lounge, while Chefs and Soms mix it up at the Rock n' Roll Challenge in the Chinook Rooms.

During both days, attendees will have the opportunity to purchase a favorite find at the Taste of Tulalip retail wine shop.

Friday, November 11

Get Your Taste Started Reception ~ At 6:00pm the festivities begin...guests get cracking, tasting, drinking and snacking. Chef Perry and Som Tom have crafted a tempting opening act of appetizers and sublime wines.

The Celebration Dinner: A Meal of Superfluidity that's sure to Suffonsify ~ The main event begins at 7:00pm. The celebrated Tulalip culinary team will raise the curtain on a six-course dinner paired with a stellar cast of Washington grapes.

Pulsate at the mPulse After Party ~ Very Important Partiers will have a blast, as they hit the dance floor as late as they can last.

Saturday, November 12

Here's Something to Chew On Chef Demo and Q & A Panel (all access pass holders) ~ The "Hootie Hoo!" gal, star of "The Chew" shares cooking tips and quips about her daytime TV debut.

Grand Taste: Titillate Your Taste Buds ~ Rub glasses and elbows with over 100 of Washington, California and Italy's "wine virtuosos" as they pour rare, library and signature tastes. Sample an extensive array of specially paired fare by the award winning Tulalip culinary team.

Kathy Casey's Magnum Party, a Soiree Larger Than Life ~ When Kathy throws a party, everything is BIG...character, carafes and cuisine. She shares nibbles and wine bordering on the divine!

Rock n' Roll Chef Challenge: A Mash-up of Food & Wine that will have you Swaying to the Beat ~ Observe Tulalip Chefs along with two of our state's finest - Chefs Jake Crenshaw and Wayne Johnson, as they whip up some tasty Iron Chef dishes. Guest Sommeliers Christopher Chan and Erik Liedholm will dash about to find the perfect wine match.

Taste of Tulalip Wine Shop ~ Sommelier Tommy has paired up with David LeClaire, owner of Seattle's Wine World, to create a mini-mega store. For those who want to purchase some favs from the weekend's sipping, here's the perfect chance.

About Tulalip Resort Casino

Tulalip Resort Casino is the largest, most distinctive award-winning meeting, gaming, dining, entertainment and shopping destination in Washington State. The AAA Four-Diamond resort destination's world class amenities have placed the property on the Condé Nast Traveler Gold List, Traveler Top 100 Top Resorts List, and as a member of Preferred Hotel and Resorts. The property includes: a luxury hotel featuring 370 guest rooms and suites; 30,000 square feet of premier meeting, convention and wedding space; the 14,000 square foot, full-service T Spa; 192,000 square feet of gaming excitement; six dining venues headlined by the unparalleled Tulalip Bay restaurant; the intimate Canoes Cabaret; the 3,000-seat Tulalip Amphitheatre, a leading entertainment venue; and Seattle Premium Outlets, featuring more than 110 name brand retail discount outlets. 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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