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WINE FESTIVAL OF COLORADO SPRINGS 'Women in Wine' featured March 13-14

COLORADO SPRINGS (Feb. 3, 2009) – The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center is pleased to present the 18th Annual Wine Festival of Colorado Springs, March 13-14, which has become the premier wine festival in the Front Range.

This weekend – themed **'Women in Wine'** – features 300 wines, great food, seminars, tastings, pairings and auctions with expert guidance from the nation's top female Master Sommeliers and a group of distinguished female Winemakers.

- **Chrystal Clifton** | [Palmina Wines](#)
- **Whitney Fisher** | [Fisher Vineyards](#)
- **Lynn Penner-Ash** | [Penner-Ash Wine Cellars](#)
- **Diana Snowden Seysses** | [Snowden Vineyards](#)
- **Joy Sterling** | [Iron Horse Vineyards](#)
- **Delia Viader** | [Viader Vineyards](#)

[Find complete Winemaker bios online here.](#)

Clifton | Wine guru Robert Parker writes the Palmina ... "is the best of its kind in the U.S. ... the excellent whites are all stainless steel fermented and really do capture much of the character that comes from the region most commonly associated with these wines ... northeastern Italy."

Fisher | A Princeton graduate in American History who wanted to work one summer in the winery before she found a 'real job,' Fisher spent the harvest of 1999 in the cellar and never left. She's now working on her 10th vintage (2008).

Penner-Ash | *Wine & Spirits Magazine's* 2008 restaurant sommelier poll ranks Penner-Ash wines as the 26th most-requested Pinot Noir in the nation.

Snowden Seysses | Diana is not only a vintner, but also is the enologist and cellar-master for famed Domaine Dujac in Burgundy, France.

Sterling | Iron Horse Vineyards is a nine-time 'Top 100 Wineries of the Year' honoree from *Wine & Spirits*. Chef Bobby Flay says, "Whenever I'm grilling fish with spicy flavors or slow-roasting chicken, I always reach for Iron Horse Chardonnay. It's a perfect partner for the foods I like to cook."

Viader | Dubbed one of "The Three Graces of Napa" by *Wine Enthusiast* magazine, Viader is counted amongst the pioneering women in the wine industry, who raised four children on her own while running a successful winery.

All events are open to the public with FAC Members receiving discounted rates. All proceeds from the weekend will benefit the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center.

Reservations are required for all events, except for the Grand Tasting, where walk-ins are accepted. Call the FAC Box Office at 719.634.5583 to reserve your spot or go online at csfineartscenter.org.

Tickets can be purchased by event or via the Gala Festival Package, which includes admission to all events. Plus, The [Broadmoor Hotel](#) and the [Garden of the Gods Club](#) are offering special room rates.

This event is made possible by the generous support of **Porsche of Colorado Springs** and Founding Sponsors, **Coaltrain Wine & Spirits** and **Cravings. Blue Fox Photography** and **Jean-Marie Designs** are In-Kind Sponsors.

:: RATES

Gala Festival Packages

\$300 per FAC member | \$340 per non-member (\$160 tax deductible) ... Includes all events. No substitutions, exchanges or refunds.

Wine Festival Lodging Rates

Available on a space available basis; mention "Wine Festival" to make reservations

\$135 at the Garden of the Gods
Call 719.632.5541

\$140 at the Broadmoor Hotel
Call 800.634.7711

:: FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Women in Wine Seminar

5:30 p.m.
The Broadmoor | Broadmoor Hall
\$30 per guest (\$15 tax deductible)

All six of our Winemakers, along with Master Sommelier Sally Mohr, talk about the evolution of women in wine and present their incredible wines.

Grand Tasting & Wine Market Auction

7:00 p.m.
The Broadmoor | Broadmoor Hall
\$65 per FAC member | \$70 per non-member (\$40 tax deductible)

Colorado Springs' best date night! Come join this sell-out event, featuring over 300 wines, plus culinary delights from many of our region's finest restaurants and caterers. Place your bids at the silent Wine Market auction and dance the night away to the live tunes of **Tiny Barge**.

:: SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Understanding the Harmony of Wine & Cheese

10:30 a.m.
Garden of the Gods Club Sunrise Room
\$30 per guest | \$15 tax deductible

Is wine with cheese a natural combo? Our experts explain how they choose the wines and then carefully match the cheeses to accompany them.

Classic Food & Wine Pairing

12:30 p.m.
Paragon Culinary School | 3125 Sinton Road
\$50 per guest (\$10 tax deductible)

Chef Victor Matthews of his Paragon Culinary School and the Winemakers will explain the pairings of exquisite food with the perfect wine at this delicious, sell-out luncheon seminar.

Gourmet Winemaker Dinner & Live Auction

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. | Live auction at 8:30 p.m.
Garden of the Gods Club | 3320 Mesa Road
\$150 per FAC member | \$175 per non-member (\$75 tax deductible)
Dress: Cocktail Attire

The evening begins with a five-course gourmet dinner, each course paired with the elegant wines of our guest Winemakers and concludes with the region's premier live auction of rare collectible wine and wine-related lifestyle packages.

