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Sunriver Music Festival Wine Reception to Introduce New Maestro and New Wines

On Tuesday, December 13, the Sunriver Music Festival will hold a wine tasting event for all wine lovers to get a chance to sample two new wines from Duck Pond Cellars plus tasty selections from Eola Hills and Whybra.

The guest of honor at the wine tasting reception will be the Festival's new Artistic Director and Conductor, George Hanson, who will be in Sunriver for a short visit from his home in Tucson. This is a great opportunity to get to know Maestro Hanson in a casual setting while enjoying a glass of wine.

George Hanson was the 2011 summer festival Guest Conductor and he has recently accepted the Festival's offer to serve as the Artistic Director and Conductor for the next three years. Maestro Hanson's home orchestra is the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, where he has served as the Music Director and Conductor for the past fifteen years.

"We are so pleased that George Hanson accepted our three year contract offer," says Pam Beezley of the Sunriver Music Festival. "George has done a remarkable job with the Tucson Symphony and we are looking forward to implementing his creative ideas into our 35th season."

"George's short visit to Central Oregon in December will allow the Board, business partners and local residents an opportunity to meet him when the schedule is not as hectic," adds Pam Beezley. "We will also use this time to plan the 35th season's schedule."

The wine tasting reception will be held at the Sunriver Music Festival office in the Village at Sunriver, Building 25 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. There is a \$5 entry

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Five Wines to Sample

*\$5 entry fee:
includes five wine samples
and \$5 gift voucher*

fee that provides wine tasting sampling for five wines and a \$5 gift voucher to apply toward the purchase of any Sunriver Music Festival gift item.

The Sunriver Music Festival offers five Oregon grown Festival labeled selections of wines for sale, including two new selections from Duck Pond. The new Duck Ponds wines are the 2009 Red Blend and the 2008 Chardonnay, both selected during a recent wine tasting visit at the Duck Pond Cellars Tasting Room in Dundee, OR. The new 2009 Red Blend is a blend of Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Barbera and Petite Verdot.

The other Festival labeled wines include the Whybra Vineyards 2008 Pinot Noir and the Eola Hills 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon and 2008 Chardonnay La Creole Reserve Wines.

“The Festival labeled wines have been selling very well over the past year,” explains Sunriver Music Festival Board Vice President Bergen Bull. “We are in a prime retail location and both visitors and residents are always looking for unique gift items.”

Bergen Bull initiated the idea of selling Festival labeled wines at the Sunriver Music Festival retail location and helped with the logistics of securing the wines to sell and the OLCC requirements.

In addition to the new Festival labeled wines, stainless steel travel mugs and black stemmed wine glasses are available for purchase, along with the popular Sunriver Music Festival posters and notecards and hats. Wines may be purchased individually or by the case or paired in a gift box with wine glasses.

Duck Pond Cellars Chardonnay and Red Blend are \$10 each. The Eola Hills Chardonnay sells for \$15 a bottle and \$20 for the Cabernet Sauvignon. The Whybra Pinot Noir sells for \$15 a bottle. Wines may be purchased individually or by the case or paired in a gift box with wine glasses. Wine purchased by the case receives a 10% discount.

All wine and gift items are available at the Sunriver Music Festival office in the Sunriver Village Mall Building 25.

To get more information about the wine tasting reception and the Festival gift items, or to learn more about concerts and upcoming events, call the Sunriver Music Festival Ticket Office at 541-593-9310, email tickets@sunrivermusic.org, or visit www.sunrivermusic.org.