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**-Spotlight on Rhone Wines-**

**“Rhonely Hearts” ~ April 16 & 17**

**Ease your *Rhonely Heart* this April in Sonoma Valley!**

SONOMA, Calif.—April 7, 2005 – Heart of Sonoma Valley Association announces Spotlight on Rhone Wines! Celebrate Rhone Wines with fifteen Sonoma Valley wineries as they showcase Rhone varietals including Viognier, Syrah, Carignane, Mourvedre, Petite Syrah, Marsanne, & Roussanne. Ease your Rhonely Heart next weekend as you sample a variety of Rhone wines in a spectacular setting, meet winemakers, compare vintages, and indulge in discounts. The event is scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, April 16 & 17 from 11 AM to 4:30 PM both days.

Rhonely Hearts is the continuance of a new event series Heart of Sonoma Valley Association kicked off last year called Spotlight on Varietals. “This weekend we will highlight the wonderful diversity of Rhone wines grown in our valley” said Executive Director Josie Gay, “while incorporating an educational experience in all tastings. Join us as we explore the winemaking process, discuss the special characteristics of our terroir, and share with you the fundamentals of what makes our Rhone wines unique through aroma sensory, wine blending, and barrel sampling. In addition, winemakers will be present at several wineries to share in this experience!”

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Participating wineries include: B.R. Cohn Winery, Blackstone Winery, Chateau St. Jean, Eric Ross Winery, Family Wineries of Sonoma Valley, Kaz Vineyard & Winery, Kunde Estate Winery & Vineyards, Ledson Winery & Vineyards, Loxton Cellars, Mayo Family Winery, Moon Mountain Vineyards (Only Open on Saturday), St. Francis Winery & Vineyards, The Wine Room, VJB Vineyards & Cellars, & Wellington Vineyards. Tickets are \$15 per person. Admission includes souvenir wine glass and access to all participating wineries event wine tastings for the weekend.

## **About Heart of Sonoma Valley Association**

Heart of Sonoma Valley Association (HOSVA) is an alliance of 34 vintners and 23 wineries and tasting rooms in the environs of Glen Ellen and Kenwood. HOSVA's precinct is the verdant stretch of lush vineyards along scenic Highway 12 mid-way between Santa Rosa and the town of Sonoma, where for a century and a half many of the vintages that have made California wines world leaders in viticulture have been harvested.

## **EVENT DETAILS AT A GLANCE:**

**What:** Spotlight on Rhone Wines – Rhonely Hearts

**When:** Saturday, April 16 and Sunday April 17, 2005.

**Where:** B.R. Cohn Winery, Blackstone Winery, Chateau St. Jean, Eric Ross Winery, Family Wineries of Sonoma Valley, Kaz Vineyard & Winery, Kunde Estate Winery & Vineyards, Ledson Winery & Vineyards, Loxton Cellars, Mayo Family Winery, Moon Mountain Vineyards (Only Open on Saturday), St. Francis Winery & Vineyards, The Wine Room, VJB Vineyards & Cellars, & Wellington Vineyards.

**Time:** 11 AM to 4:30 PM both days.

**Cost:** \$15 per person for the weekend. Includes logo wine glass and access to all wineries for the weekend. Tickets are available in advance online or may be purchased at the door of participating wineries the weekend of the event.

**Info:** For info and tickets please visit [www.heartofsonomavalley.com](http://www.heartofsonomavalley.com) or call (866) 794-9463.

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