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**-Spotlight on Chardonnay & Pinot Noir-**

**“Escape to Burgundy” ~ August 13 & 14**

SONOMA, Calif.—August 4, 2005 – Heart of Sonoma Valley Association (HOSVA) announces Spotlight on Chardonnay & Pinot Noir -“Escape to Burgundy”! Fourteen wineries throughout Sonoma Valley will be celebrating the noble grapes: Chardonnay & Pinot Noir at this weekend event scheduled during one of the most beautiful months of the year! Many wineries are bottling 2004 vintage wines, the grapes are going through verasion, and the weather is perfect for roaming from winery to winery. Join wineries as they explore these delicious wines, tour the vineyards and get a peak at the grapes as they change color in the vineyards, and explore the fundamentals of what makes Chardonnay & Pinot Noir unique through wine tastings, verticals, wine blending, and barrel sampling. In addition, winemakers will be present at several wineries to share in this experience. The event is scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, August 13 & 14 from 11 AM to 4:30 PM both days.

“This is the ideal wine tasting event for the wine novice as well as the connoisseur! Participating wineries offer a broad array of activities, wine tastings, and activities for all to enjoy in a spectacular setting!” Said Josie Gay, Executive Director of Heart of Sonoma Valley Association. “Everyone walks away having learned something new!”

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Participating wineries include: B.R. Cohn Winery, Benziger Family Winery, Blackstone Winery, Chateau St. Jean, Eric Ross Winery, Imagery Estate Winery, Kaz Vineyard & Winery, Kunde Estate Winery & Vineyards, Landmark Vineyards, Loxton Cellars, Navillus Birney, St. Francis Winery & Vineyards, SL Cellars & VJB Vineyards & Cellars.

Tickets are only \$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 a non-profit association of 22 wineries located on scenic Sonoma Highway where for a century and a half many of the vintages that have made California wines world leaders in viticulture have been harvested. In our 10 mile stretch of the wine country, in the environs of Glen Ellen and Kenwood, you'll find a blend of family owned and classically beautiful wineries filled with award winning wines, charming B&B's and elegant Luxury Inns, stylish wine bars, a diverse selection of restaurant and cafes, state parks, lavender farms, olive presses and gift shops.

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

**What:** Spotlight on Chardonnay & Pinot Noir – “Escape to Burgundy”

**When:** Saturday, August 13 and Sunday August 14, 2005.

**Where:** Participating Wineries include: B.R. Cohn Winery, Benziger Family Winery, Blackstone Winery, Chateau St. Jean, Eric Ross Winery, Imagery Estate Winery, Kaz Vineyard & Winery, Kunde Estate Winery & Vineyards, Landmark Vineyards, Loxton Cellars, Navillus Birney Winery & Vineyards, St. Francis Winery & Vineyards, SL Cellars, and VJB Vineyards & Cellars.

**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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