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Hilton Head Island Wine & Food Festival

2012 Call For Entries in International Judging & Wine Competition

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC (November 26, 2011) – The Hilton Head Island Wine & Food Festival now in its 27th year, attracts wine enthusiasts from all over the country and wineries from all over the world. This event is one of the largest outdoor, Internationally Judged Wine events on the East Coast. The Judges are all accredited either through the Society of Wine Educators or by the Court of Master Sommeliers.

Wine entry information and details can be found online at www.hiltonheadwineandfood.com or through the Enofile web site at <https://www.enofileonline.com/landing.aspx?competitionID=54>. All entries and payments made online before December 31, 2011 are \$39 per entry. All entries received online after January 1, 2012 are \$49 per entry. Any entries received offline or via mail add an additional \$10 per entry. All entries and payments must be received by January 20, 2012 in order to be judged.

The dates for the 2012 Festival will be March 5 – 10, 2012. The Great Chefs of the South Wine Dinners will take place at various restaurants and locations on Hilton Head Island, Monday March 5 through Friday, March 9, 2012, details and pricing to be confirmed. The Grand Tasting and Silent Auction will be held on Friday, March 9 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Sea Pines Resort, Harbour Town Conference Center. The Wine & Food Festival and Silent Auction will be held from 12 – 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at the Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn. Additional information and tickets can be found at www.hiltonheadwineandfood.com.

The Pre-Festival events include, “Uncork” the Festival on Friday, January 27, 2012 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Bomboras Grille, tickets are \$35 per person and the International Wine Judging and Competition, Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29, 2012 at Sea Pines Resort, Harbour Town Conference Center. The Saturday and Sunday Wine Judging and Competition event is not open to the public. Hilton Head Island Wine & Food Festival event tickets will be available for purchase on-line December 1, 2011, with advance ticket discounts available for the Wine & Food Festival, Saturday, March 10, 2012, regular ticket price \$45 – advance purchase available on-line for \$39.99. The Grand Tasting & Silent Auction tickets will be available for purchase at \$65 per person.

The 2012 Hilton Head Island Wine & Food Festival’s Silent Auctions benefit educational opportunities for students in the Hospitality programs of study at the University of South Carolina Beaufort and the Technical College of the Lowcountry through the John T. and Valerie Curry scholarship fund.

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