

NEW WINE PROGRAM TAKES FLIGHT AT TULALIP RESORT CASINO

Sample the finest wines from California and the Pacific Northwest

Tulalip, Wash. (May 26, 2009) – Tulalip Resort Casino, the Northwest's #1 place for fun, introduces a new wine flight program. **"Taste with Tommy: A Passion for Wine"** features fine wines hand picked by the property's award winning sommelier Tommy Thompson and is sure to make its culinary program the #1 place to appreciate fine dining, wines and spirits.

"Taste with Tommy" selections will change weekly and include four, three ounce glasses of wine from premium California and Pacific Northwest vineyards including Leonetti Cellar, Quilceda Creek Vintners and Silver Oak Cellars. Flights are available for \$30 to \$60, depending on the selected wines, Wednesday through Sunday at Tulalip Bay and BlackFish Wild Salmon Grill & Bar.

"The new flight program allows a sampling of fine varietals not usually available by the glass and gives any wine lover a wide selection for a great value," said Thompson.

Other wine-focused culinary programs at Tulalip Resort Casino include a series of winemaker's dinners and the Chef's Tour of the World at Tulalip Bay, the property's exceptional dining establishment. Upcoming winemaker's dinners include Cote Bonneville Winery on Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. Tulalip Bay's Chef's Tour of the World allows guests to explore global cuisines through five-course meals developed by Executive Chef Dean Shinagawa and paired with wine or spirits selected by Thompson. The cultural focus changes monthly with upcoming themes such as Northwest locally grown, Moroccan and European cheese and wine.

Chef's Tour of the World Prices:

- Five course meal (no wine) - \$40-\$50 per person
- Five courses with wine - \$60-\$100 per person
- Three for \$30 - choose a starter dish, an entrée and finish with dessert; the Three for \$30 option is available Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays only

Thompson is a member of the International Sommelier Guild and has received the *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence twice, Washington Wine Commission's Award of Distinction and most recently, Washington Wine Commission's Grand Award. For more information about upcoming wine programs at Tulalip Resort Casino, visit www.tulalipresort.com.

About Tulalip Resort Casino

With the opening of its new luxury hotel, Tulalip Resort Casino has become the largest and most distinctive meeting, gaming, dining, entertainment and shopping destination in Washington State. What began with a bingo hall established by the Tulalip Tribes in 1983, has evolved into a world-class resort destination which includes: the region's "#1 Place for Fun" Tulalip Casino with 192,000 square feet of gaming; six dining venues headlined by the exceptional Tulalip Bay restaurant; the intimate Canoes Cabaret; the 3,000-seat Tulalip Amphitheatre, a leading entertainment venue; and Seattle Premium

Outlets, featuring more than 110 name brand retail discount outlets. The crown jewel of Tulalip Resort Casino is its new luxury hotel featuring 370 guestrooms and suites, as well as premier meeting, convention and wedding space, and an elegant, 14,000 square foot, full-service spa. Surrounded by the Cascade Mountains and Puget Sound, Tulalip Resort Casino is situated on 83 acres within the municipality of Quil Ceda Village on the Tulalip Indian Reservation. Tulalip Resort Casino is conveniently located between Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. just off Interstate-5 at exit 200 and is an enterprise of the Tulalip Tribes. For reservations please call (866) 716-7162 or visit www.tulalipresort.com.

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