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**Parksville Uncorked
Wine & Food Festival – February 25-28, 2010**

Parksville Uncorked: Wine & Food Festival celebrating the finest wines and gourmet foods from throughout Vancouver Island and BC.

Parksville, BC – Get ready to experience the very best in British Columbia wine and Vancouver Island dining at the 2nd Annual *Parksville Uncorked Wine and Food Festival*.

This weekend long festival, taking place February 25 to February 28, 2010 will feature events at four premiere resorts around the Oceanside area. Over 25 wineries from across British Columbia will be featured during the festival, paired with decadent dining from Oceanside restaurants and fine food vendors.

The festival will kick off with an afternoon Trade Tasting on the Thursday which will be followed by a special evening concert at The Beach Club Resort – admission by donation and proceeds will benefit Variety Children's Charity. This complimentary tasting sponsored by the Parksville Downtown Business Association is an excellent opportunity for restaurateurs, sommeliers, food & beverage managers and front line staff to network and taste wines from over 25 BC wineries.

The festival's signature event "Swirl" will take place at Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa Resort on the Friday evening. Not only will oenophiles have an opportunity to taste wines from over 25 BC wineries you will be treated to delicious fare presented by The Beach Club Resort, Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa Resort, Pacific Shores Resort & Spa, the Quality Resort Bayside, Fanny Bay Oysters, Little Qualicum Cheeseworks, Real Food, North Douglas, GFS and Island Scallops. Admission includes a complimentary signature wine glass to take home.

Saturday will feature wine pairing dinners at the four participating resorts. The Beach Club Resort's Pacific Prime Steak and Chop Restaurant will feature their menu paired with wines from Burrowing Owl Estate Winery, Tigh-Na-Mara's Cedar Dining Room will pair up with Mission Hill Winery, Pacific Shore's The Landing West Coast Grill will partner with CedarCreek Estate Winery and the Quality Resort Bayside's Herons Restaurant will team up with local Vancouver Island winery Averill Creek Vineyard.

New to the 2010 festival will be two events that provide you with the opportunity to get up close and personal with the wine makers themselves. On the Friday afternoon Pacific Shores Resort & Spa will host a reception with winemaker Tom



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DiBello from CedarCreek Estate Winery. On Saturday the Quality Bayside Resort will host a luncheon with winemaker and vineyard owner Andy Johnston from Averill Creek Vineyards.

The festival finishes off on Sunday with two effervescent options; Bubbles & Brunch at Tigh-Na-Mara and Bubbles on the Beach at The Beach Club Resort.

Visiting wine and food enthusiasts can choose from a variety of accommodation packages as well as wine inspired spa packages offered by the four participating resorts during the festival weekend. Selected packages include accommodation and festival tickets. For those living in the Oceanside region this is an excellent opportunity to sample exceptional wines from across BC and experience some of Vancouver Island's finest dining, right here at home. For more information on menus, tickets and packages for the festival, visit www.parksvilleuncorked.com.