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NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR LEGENDS OF WASHINGTON WINE HALL OF FAME

The Walter Clore Wine & Culinary Center announces that nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 Legends of Washington Wine Hall of Fame. These individuals of achievement will exemplify legendary status because of their contribution and commitment to the Washington wine industry. A selection committee, made up of one (1) representative from each of the state's viticultural regions, will independently review and rate each nominee based on supporting information submitted on the nomination forms.

To be eligible for nomination to the Legends Hall of Fame, the candidate must have been a resident of Washington for no less than 25 years and must also have been involved in the wine industry for 25 years. Nominees can be working, retired or deceased. Individuals who were nominated in 2008 will not be eligible again until 2010.

In addition to these requirements, the selection committee will also consider the nominee's impact on the wine industry, their contributions to the community, and the historical and lasting significance the individual leaves for future generations. Nominating materials and criteria are available now at www.walterclore.com.

Members of the selection committee and the Clore Center Board of Directors are not eligible to make nominations.

Due to active progress of the Clore Center project, the 2009 Legends Gala Event has been postponed until 2010. In lieu of the annual Legends Gala, the Walter Clore Wine & Culinary Center will recognize and celebrate the 2009 Legends Inductee during the 22nd annual **Auction of Washington Wines Gala Auction** to be held on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at Chateau Ste. Michelle in Woodinville, Washington.

A commissioned art piece will remain on display at the Walter Clore Wine & Culinary Center to memorialize each new inductee. Previous inductees to the Hall of Fame include: S.W. "Bill" Preston, founder of Preston Premium Wines; John & Ann Williams and Jim & Pat Holmes, wine pioneers of Red Mountain; and Stan Clarke, 30-year industry veteran.

**Attachments:
Nomination Procedures
Nominating Form
Nomination Timeline**

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