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A Toast to Vintage Hospice
Good Friends Celebrate Season to Benefit Hospice of The Gorge



Lyle, Washington – Santa arrived a little early for Dennis Beeks and Bob Hodges this year. The two friends met up at the Syncline Winery to pick up their barrel of wine purchased at the 2008 Gorge Wine Celebration for Hospice. The wine is an exclusive blend of COR Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon, Phelps Creek Merlot, The Pines 1852 Zinfandel, and Syncline Syrah and was blended and bottled by James Mantone at Syncline. The “Barrel of Flagship Four” was the top live auction item at the annual Gorge Wine Celebration that raises funds for Hospice of The Gorge, selling for over \$3500, and it represents

the collaboration that exists among the winemakers and growers in the Columbia Gorge. The Gorge Wine Celebration for Hospice will be held April 10, 2010 at the Gorge Room at the Best Western Hood River Inn.

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The Columbia Gorge Winegrowers Association is a not for profit association of local wineries, grape growers, and wine-related businesses from the Columbia Gorge and Columbia Valley Appellations in both Oregon and Washington. Together, the 60+ members of the association promote the award - winning wines and grapes of the Columbia River Gorge region. For more information please visit the website at columbiagorgewine.com or call 1-866-413-WINE.