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Smasne Cellars, Gård Vintners, AlmaTerra Wines to Host Grand Opening Celebration at Woodinville Wine Tasting Room

May 5, 2009 – Smasne Cellars, Gård Vintners and AlmaTerra Wines will host a grand opening celebration for their joint Woodinville wine tasting room on Saturday, May 16, 2009, from noon to 8 pm.

The event is open to the public, and all wine tasting will be complimentary (the \$5 tasting fee will be waived that day). Also complimentary: hors d'oeuvres throughout the day, and live music from 3 to 7 pm.

Smasne Cellars/Gård Vintners/AlmaTerra Tasting Room
19495 144th Ave. NE, Suite B240
Woodinville, WA 98072

In addition to celebrating the new tasting room, the grand opening will feature:

- ❖ **New Release:** Smasne Cellars Rosella Rosé. All proceeds will be donated to support Pacific Northwest youth and Lower Valley Hospice.
- ❖ **Pre-Release Tasting and Pre-Ordering:** Smasne Cellars' limited production 2006 Malbec, 2006 Petit Verdot and 2006 Carmenere.
- ❖ **New Release:** AlmaTerra "Inspired by Terroir™" series of single-vineyard Syrah wines, with a special tasting of the 2006 Ciel du Cheval Syrah, 2006 Minick Vineyard Syrah, 2006 Coyote Canyon Syrah and 2006 Coéo Three-Vineyard Blend Syrah.
- ❖ **New Release:** Gård 2007 Dry Riesling.

Smasne, Gård and Alma Terra wines share the common vision of winemaker, Robert O. Smasne, and their wines are produced in Grandview, Wash. Gård Vintners sources its grapes from its estate vineyard, Lawrence Vineyards, on the Frenchman Hills near Royal City, Wash. Grapes for AlmaTerra wines are sourced from select vineyards that are notably terroir expressive.

In addition to tasting a large variety of premium and award-winning wines, attendees will have the opportunity to meet the winemaker, owners and viticulturists connected with the tasting room:

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- ❖ Robert O. Smasne, Proprietor/Winemaker for Smasne Cellars and AlmaTerra, and Winemaker for Gård Vintners
- ❖ Josh Lawrence, Proprietor/Viticulturist for Gård Vintners/Lawrence Vineyards
- ❖ Dr. Alan Busacca, Geologist/Viticulturist for AlmaTerra

The tasting room is located in Woodinville's popular warehouse district, which features 28 other wineries within a one-mile radius.

Regular hours for the tasting room: Fridays from 1-6 pm, and Saturday and Sundays from noon-6 pm. In addition, the tasting room is also open by appointment and for private parties.

For more information, please visit: smasnecellars.com, gardvintners.com, and almaterrawines.com

ABOUT ROBERT O. SMASNE, WINEMAKER

Robert O. Smasne has spent the past 13 vintages crafting wines that have garnered him a reputation as a leading winemaker in Washington state. Smasne is currently the proprietor, winemaker and consultant for his ROS Wine Company and passionately handcrafts wine for his labels Smasne Cellars, Alma Terra and Farm Boy wines. He is also winemaker and/or consulting winemaker for over a dozen other northwest wineries, including Gård Vintners. Prior to ROS Wine Company, Smasne was winemaker for Alexandria Nicole Cellars where his award-winning wines put the start-up winery on the road to early success. Smasne has also had winemaking stints at Amavi Cellars, Pepper Bridge Winery and Covey Run.

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