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SEVEN GREAT WINEMAKERS & TWELVE WORLD CLASS
CHEFS AT EIGHT VIRGIN ISLANDS HIDEAWAYS COOK UP A
UNIQUE WINE AND CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands. (24 June 2008)

The BVI Charitable Fund announced today that twelve master chefs (including a James Beard award winner from the United States and a Michelin star recipient from Europe) will be coming to the Virgin Islands to prepare a series of five and seven course gourmet dinners to compliment wines that will be presented by seven great winemakers from Europe between July 25th and August 2nd at eight special locations throughout the British Virgin Islands as part of the 2008 Virgin Islands Winemakers Dinners.

The net proceeds from these dinners will be distributed by the BVI Charitable Fund to the BVI Red Cross, St. George's School, Tortola; and St. Mary's School, Virgin Gorda. The BVI Charitable Fund was started in March 2008 with a \$25,000 challenge grant from Nail Bay Resort. The co-chairs of the BVI Charitable Fund are the Honourable Ralph T. O'Neal, OBE, Premier, British Virgin Islands and Ajit Mathew George, Managing Director, Nail Bay Resort.

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The seven winemakers, who have all donated their wines to these dinners, include four highly rated VDP Riesling producers from Germany such as Gerhard Grans of Weingut Grans-Fassian, Oliver Haag of Weingut Fritz Haag, Thomas Haag of Weingut Schloss Lieser, and Theo Haart of Weingut Reinhold Haart. Their wines, which have been consistently ranked by the prestigious Wine Spectator Magazine between 90 and 99 out of a maximum score of 100, serve as proof of Riesling's emergence as a superstar in the wine world.

In addition, Bernhard Kirsten of Weingut Kirsten and Lothar Ketterer of Weingut Ketterer, two other award winning wine producers from the Mosel area in Germany, will also be present. Last but not least, the well-respected Italian wine maker Alberto di Grésy of Tenute Cisa Asinari dei Marchesi di Grésy will present a wonderful selection of great red wines from the Piedmont region.

According to Mr. George, co-chair of the BVI Charitable Fund, it is truly amazing that so many master chefs from around the world accepted the invitation to come and support this brand new culinary event in the Virgin Islands. These chefs, all of whom volunteered their time and talent, include Chef Roberto Donna, Galileo, Washington, D.C.; Chef Vikram Garg, American Karma, San Francisco; Chef Thomas Hannum, Hotel du Pont, Wilmington, Delaware; Chef Clif Holt, Little Savannah Restaurant and Bar, Birmingham, Alabama; Chef Alain Ivaldi, Lycée Hôtelier, Marseilles, France; Chef Christopher Koetke, The School of Culinary Arts, Kendall College, Chicago; Chef Michele B. Mitchell, Hotel du Pont, Wilmington, Delaware; Chef Bruce Moffett, Barrington's Restaurant, Charlotte, North Carolina;

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Chef Mark Salter, The Inn at Perry Cabin, St. Michaels, Maryland; Chef Hubert Scheid, Restaurant Schloss Monaise, Trier, Germany; Chef Stephen Stryjewski, Cochon Restaurant, New Orleans; and Chef Paul Tinaglia, The School of Culinary Arts, Kendall College, Chicago.

These master chefs will collaborate to create eight fabulous nights of five and seven course fine dining that will coalesce their distinctive styles of Indian, American Southern, Cajun, Asian Fusion, French and Mediterranean cooking into a culinary adventure. With one chef preparing a single course in any given evening, attendees at the 2008 Virgin Islands Winemakers Dinners will enjoy a one of a kind gastronomic experience with multiple chefs each night.

The Winemakers Dinners will be held on eight successive nights, each at a special location in either Virgin Gorda or Tortola. His Excellency, the Governor David Pearey will host the first of the eight Winemakers Dinners on Saturday, July 26, 2008 at Government House in Tortola. The seven remaining dinners will be held as follows: Sunday, July 27, 2008 at Full Circle, Nail Bay, Virgin Gorda; Monday, July 28, 2008 at Rosewood Little Dix Bay, Virgin Gorda; Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at Villa Aquamare, Virgin Gorda; Wednesday, July 30, 2008 at Mooney Bay Estate, Virgin Gorda; Thursday, July 31, 2008 at Biras Creek Resort, North Sound, Virgin Gorda; Friday, August 1, 2008 at Allamanda Estate, Beef Island, Tortola; and Saturday, August 2, 2008 at Baraka Point, Nail Bay, Virgin Gorda.

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Seats for the eight dinners are very limited and will be made available only as part of a sponsorship package. Sponsorships are available on a first come first serve basis and may be booked online at www.winemakersdinners.com or by calling Kelton Wright at 284-494-8000 ext. 712.

The 2008 Virgin Islands Winemakers Dinners will be kicked off by a VIP Reception on Friday evening, July 25, 2008 at the Sugar Mill Ruins of Nail Bay Resort in honor of all the visiting chefs and winemakers as well as the sponsors and hosts. A limited number of tickets to the VIP Reception will be available to the general public at \$50 a person, the proceeds of all such ticket sales will be contributed to the benefit of the Culinary Program of H. Lavity Stoutt Community College.

A small wine auction will be held at each of the wine dinners and at the VIP Reception featuring very special wines donated by each of the winemakers and some collectors.

The goal of the BVI Charitable Fund is to raise at least \$100,000 from sponsorships of the 2008 Virgin Islands Winemakers Dinners and in vacation packages contributed to "The BVI Dream Vacation Collection".

The Founding Sponsors to date include Nail Bay Resort, OHMS, Allivictus, Alexy Universal Infotech, Studio Najbrt, Tamarind Consolidated, Crowley Caribbean Services, and BDO Binder Limited.

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