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Spring, 2012 vinNEBRASKA Wine Event To Benefit 5,000 At-Risk Youth In Omaha

Omaha, Neb.---Tickets are now available for the 2012 edition of Omaha's <u>original</u> wine tasting and auction event! The vinNEBRASKA Foundation is teaming up with local youth program, The Partnership For Our Kids to host a gala event, which will raise money for at-risk youth in the Omaha area. Voted as best food and wine event by Metro Magazine readers four years in a row, this is one local gala that should not be missed.

The vinNEBRASKA Grand Tasting & Auction will begin at 5 p.m. on March 31st at the Mutual of Omaha Dome and will feature a few new exciting twists for 2012! In addition to being able to taste premier wines from 24 of the top wineries and vineyards in the country, guests will also have an opportunity to sample delectable hors d'oeuvres from some of Midtown Crossing's best restaurants including Blanc Burgers + Bottles, Cantina Laredo, CRAVE, Delice, Ingredient, Grey Plume, Portivino Ristorante, and Wohlner's Grocery. An exquisite 18k white gold diamond open teardrop pendent, from Borsheims Jewelry, will be raffled off and a live auction with spectacular wine collectables, vacation get-aways and other one-of-a-kind offerings will occur promptly at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$85, (\$95 after March 1st). Corporate table sponsorships are available at \$850 and \$1,000, \$1,250 and \$2,500 for a table of ten.

Wineries attending vinNEBRASKA this year include-

Chamisal Vineyards Cliff Lede Vineyards Cline Cellars **European Wine Imports** Flora Springs Winery Fourth Estate Vineyards Hahn Family Wines Goosecross Cellars Landmark Vineyards Mill Creek Vineyards Heitz Cellars Jacuzzi Family Vineyards Pedroncelli Winery Pine Ridge Vineyards Quady Winery Morgan Winery Robert Sinskey Vineyards Rombauer Vineyards Seghesio Family Vineyards Silver Oak/Twomey Cellars Smith-Madrone Winery Sokol Blosser Vineyards Valley of the Moon Winery Winebow

The Partnership For Our Kids is a non-profit organization working towards advancing the education of today's youth and preparing them for tomorrow's careers. Partnership staff and volunteers empower kids to succeed by introducing them to caring adult role-models, teaching them how to set and achieve their goals, inspiring them to explore a wide variety of career paths and giving them the keys to college access. Currently there are 5,000 students in 21 Omaha Public Schools participating in Partnership programs.

The vinNEBRASKA Foundation is a local group of wine lovers who have organized wine tastings and auctions to raise nearly \$2 million for local charities over the last 23 years. They also want Nebraska wine drinkers to raise their collective knowledge of wine. We also are very proud to invite winemakers to come to Nebraska to meet their enthusiastic consumers!

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