

TEXAS SOMMELIER ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES DATES FOR 2006 CONFERENCE

Dallas, Texas - Tuesday, March 21, 2006 - The Texas Sommelier Association announces dates for the 2006 Texas Sommelier Conference to be held at the award-winning Four Seasons Resort and Club at Las Colinas in Irving, Texas. The dates are Sunday, August 27 through Monday, August 28. The announcement was made by TSA cofounders James Tidwell, Sommelier at the Four Seasons Resort and Club and Drew Hendricks, Sommelier, at Pappas Bros. Steakhouse in Dallas.

This marks the second annual event for education of Texas wine professionals. Last year's event featured some of the country's leading industry figures, including Master Sommeliers, Masters of Wine, and Certified Wine Educators. The participation of these specialists was coordinated by Guy Stout, Texas' only Master Sommelier. More than 100 people attended the two-day seminar which was hailed as a breakthrough event for the Texas wine service industry. Seminars included practical and theoretical knowledge on topics ranging from classic wine regions to current industry trends.

The most notable aspect of the TSA conference was the naming of Texas' Best Sommelier. The award is presented annually to the person scoring highest on a rigorous three-part exam consisting of theoretical, tasting and service abilities. The 2005 winner was Kim Wallace of Brenner's Steakhouse in Houston.

Portions of the conference will be open to the general public. Information including a conference schedule, presenters, and participation fees will be announced at a later date. For media information, contact Angela Enright at 972-717-2441 or angela.enright@fourseasons.com.