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GREAT MATCH CHICAGO: WINE & TAPAS TASTING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 5

Wines from Spain Partners with 'Greater Chicago Food Depository' as Beneficiary of Annual Event

CHICAGO – April 16, 2009 – [Wines from Spain](#), a division of the Trade Commission of Spain, will partner with the [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#) for its 16th annual [Great Match: Wine & Tapas](#) tasting tour on **Tuesday, May 5** from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at [The Ivy Room at Tree Studios](#) at 12 E. Ohio in Chicago. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository – the city's food bank – a non-profit food distribution and training center providing food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in Chicago. Tickets are available for purchase at www.greatmatch.org.

“Wines from Spain is thrilled to partner with the Greater Chicago Food Depository for the 16th annual Great Match Wine and Tapas tasting tour,” said Jean Bracamonte, associate director of Wines from Spain. “The Chicago Food Depository has an amazing network of food pantries and shelters around the city and works tirelessly to make sure families don't ever go hungry. Wines from Spain always strives to show Great Match attendees the best of Chicago, which is exemplified by this partnership.”

Wines from Spain selected the Greater Chicago Food Depository as part of its commitment to make a difference in the community and helping disadvantaged Chicagoans. The Food Depository distributes donated and purchased food through a network of 600 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters to 500,000 adults and children every year. Last year, the Food Depository distributed more than 46 million pounds of nonperishable food and fresh produce, dairy products and meat, the equivalent of more than 95,000 meals every day.

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About The Great Match Chicago

The Great Match Chicago will feature eight prominent Chicago-area chefs, including:

- Randy Zweiban, [Province](#)
- Nick Lacasse, [The Drawing Room](#)
- Maneet Chauhan, [Vermillion](#)
- Jeff Brantley, [Tizi Melloul](#)
- Michael Fiorello, [Mercat a la Planxa](#)
- Yamandu Perez, [Zak's Place](#)

Each chef will prepare small signature dishes designed to show the versatility of Spanish wines. Guests will have the opportunity to taste more than 200 current release wines, highlighting Spain's indigenous varieties.

How to Register for Great Match: Wine & Tapas Consumer Event

Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased by visiting www.greatmatch.org or calling 1-888-772-4694. Tickets will not be available for purchase at the door, so advance purchase is required.

Prior to the consumer Great Match tasting, Wines from Spain invites wine and restaurant professionals and media for a tasting of Spain's most sought-after wines from 1:30 to 5 p.m. This portion of the event is open exclusively to trade and media and registration is offered online at www.greatmatch.org or by calling 1-888-772-4694. Attendees will be asked to provide a business card at registration.

Trade and media professionals are also invited to a limited-seating educational seminar, "Spanish Solutions," from 12:30-1:30 p.m., led by [Leslie Sbrocco](#), an award-winning author, writer, speaker, wine consultant and television host.

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WINES FROM SPAIN DONATES \$5,000 TO THE GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

Proceeds from 16th Annual Great Match Spanish Wine Tasting Event Benefit City's Food Bank

New York – June 2, 2009 – [Wines from Spain](#), a division of the Trade Commission of Spain, has donated \$5,200 to the [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#), a nonprofit food distribution and training center providing food for the hungry. The donation was raised through Wines from Spain's 16th annual [Great Match: Wine & Tapas](#) Spanish wine tasting event.

"We were honored to be the beneficiary of such a wonderful event," said Kate Maehr, executive director of the Greater Chicago Food Depository. "This donation will help feed the many families in need in the Chicago area during a time when food banks are seeing great need. We are so grateful for the support of Wines from Spain."

The Great Match, which took place at Chicago's [Ivy Room at Tree Studios](#) on May 5, paired Spanish wines with tapas prepared by celebrated Chicago chefs, including:

- Se Randy Zweiban, [Province](#)
- Yamandu Perez, [Zak's Place](#)
- Maneet Chauhan, [Vermillion](#)
- Cesar Casillas, [LeLan](#)
- Michael Fiorello, [Mercat a la Planxa](#)
- Jeff Brantley, [Tizi Melloul](#)
- Nick Lacasse, [The Drawing Room](#)

"We couldn't have asked for a more perfect partner for our annual Wines from Spain Great Match event," said Katrin Naelapaa, director of Wines from Spain. "The Greater Chicago Food Depository's mission to end hunger in the Chicago area is incredibly important and we are pleased to provide a donation to such a worthy cause."

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Wines From Spain will be hosting additional Great Match: Wine & Tapas events in New York on Oct. 6 and in Houston in late October. Proceeds from each event will be donated to a local non-profit. For more information on upcoming Great Match: Wine & Tapas events, visit www.greatmatch.org.

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