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**The Carneros Wine Alliance Announces Its 2014 Annual Barrel Tasting Event
A discussion and tasting of Carneros cool-climate Chardonnay on Tuesday March 25th at ZD Wines Barn**

WHO:

Wine media and trade are invited to the annual Carneros Wine Alliance Barrel Tasting Event. This year's barrel tasting will feature Carneros Chardonnay, featuring the new winemakers and winegrowers who are making the region's top Chardonnays. Attendees will taste current Carneros Chardonnay vintages as well as older Chardonnay and Pinot Noir barrel samples. This event is not open to the general public.

WHAT:

As the first California AVA to span two counties, the Carneros region is a complex appellation deeply rooted in agriculture and history. Carneros was the first California wine region to be defined by its climate characteristics rather than political boundaries. Vineyards were first planted in this area as early as the 1830's, with the first winery established here in the early 1870's. Carneros achieved official AVA status in 1983 and is renowned for its Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and sparkling wine production.

WHEN:Tuesday, March 25th 2014

Media: 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Trade & Members: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

*(Small bites will be offered at the tasting)***WHERE:**

ZD Wines Barn
1080 Cuttings Wharf Way
Napa, CA 94559

FEATURED WINERIES:

Artesa Winery
Bouchaine Vineyards
Carneros Hills Winery
Ceja Vineyards
Clos du Val
Cuvaision Estate Wines
Domaine Carneros

Donum
Garnet Vineyards
Hyde & Sons
Hyde de Villaine
Nicholson Ranch
Poseidon's Vineyard
Ram's Gate Winery

Saintsbury
Schug Carneros Estate
Stanly Ranch Vineyard
Stemmler Wine
ZD Wines

COST:

\$20 per person, invite only. Media & trade passes are available.

RSVP:Trade to 2014Tasting@carneros.com // Media to ashley@teplinnuss.com**ABOUT CARNEROS WINE ALLIANCE:**

The Carneros Wine Alliance is a non-profit association of wineries and grape-growers in the Carneros American Viticultural Area (AVA). Carneros is located at the crossroads of two major wine regions, the Napa and Sonoma Valleys. A cool-climate appellation influenced by the waters of the San Francisco Bay, Carneros has long been known for Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and sparkling wine production. The Carneros Wine Alliance is committed to promoting the distinction, diversity and above all, quality, of grapes and wines from Carneros.

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