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American River College Foundation and Amador Vintners
Toast the Groundbreaking for the new Culinary Arts Program
Facility at
FORKS & CORKS



*An incredible line-up of Restaurants and Wineries present an evening of
incomparable food & wine in May.*

March 12, 2013 - Sacramento CA:

In step with Sacramento Mayor, Kevin Johnson's proclamation of Sacramento as the [Farm to Fork Capital of the World](#), the [American River College Foundation](#) and [Amador Vintners](#) bring the best of food & wine together to celebrate the ground-breaking of the college's new Culinary Arts Program facility. The evening of May 18, 2013, from 5 to 8 p.m. will showcase the Sacramento region as one of the most exciting wine and food centers in the State. At [Forks & Corks](#), 27 Amador County wineries will pour their best alongside dozens of the area's most renowned restaurants, all in support of future culinary luminaries.

The event will symbolically kick off the first phase of construction with a special salute to beneficiaries who have come forward with substantial support. Fundraising efforts and funding by local business and community have raised \$1.2 million. The event will help to raise more of the funds needed, with a ticket price of \$75.00 per person and a raffle of spectacular food, wine, art and travel packages.

Food & Wine

Guests will arrive to a warm welcome by culinary students sharing some of their appetizer specialties. The American River College (ARC) campus Green will be full from farm to fork with winemaking and cooking demonstrations. Special emphasis will be on the affinity of food & wine as guests are encouraged to cross-pollinate restaurant and wine offerings! The mood will be set by a variety of music from ARC's student jazz groups.

Horticulture Dept. and Grape Growers Team Up

Amador Winegrape Growers and American River College's (ARC's) Horticulture department are preparing unforgettable gifts for each guest at the event. A collaboration of the growers and horticulture students will bear vines from cuttings taken from Amador vineyards. Each guest will receive a new vine for planting. The new vines are meant as a living symbol for sustaining the region as an agricultural and culinary center.

School of Culinary Arts

Currently the ARC culinary program consists of 2,000 sq. ft. of space where all of the cooking, baking, and preparation takes place. The student-run and critically acclaimed [Oak Café](#) (currently now only 400 sq. ft.) showcases students' skills and receives consistent high marks from restaurant critics. The new facility increases the learning center to 19,000 sq. ft. and the Oak Café to 2,000! ARC Culinary Arts Director Brian Knirk says, "The new facility will enable more students to enroll in the program, which is currently impacted and has a waiting list as large as the current enrollment." He adds, "The impact of our graduates will cast a much wider net locally and across the nation."

A sample of restaurants and wineries participating on May 18th are....

FORKS & CORKS RESTAURANTS

**About a Bite Bakery
Ambrosia
Aramark
ARC Oak Cafe
Bacon & Butter
C'est Le Cheese
Dawson's at the Hyatt
De Vere's Irish Pub
Dos Coyotes
Edible Events
Ella
Elliot's Natural Foods
Ettore's
Fats
Ginger Elixabeth**

FORKS & CORKS VINTNERS

**Amador Cellars
Amador Foothill Winery
Andis Wines
Avio Vineyards & Winery
BellaGrace Vineyards
Borjon Winery
Bray Vineyards
C.G. Di Arie Vineyard and Winery
Cooper Vineyards
Deaver Vineyards
Driven Cellars
Drytown Cellars
Feist Wines
Helwig Vineyards & Winery
Jeff Runquist Wines**

Grange
Griselda's Ventures
Hook & Ladder & Golden Bear
Loco BBQ
Matteo's
Mulvaney's B&L
Old Spaghetti Factory
Old Soul
Outback
Produce Express
Ruth's Chris
Scott's Seafood
Seasons 52
Sienna
Silva's Sheldon Inn
Taste
Tequila Museo
Thunder Valley Casino Resort
Town & Country Catering
Tuli Bistro/Restaurant Thir13en
Whole Foods
Wicked Wich

Karmere Vineyards & Winery
Morse Wines/Il Gioiello Winery
Nine Gables Winery
Renwood Winery
Sera Fina Cellars
Shenandoah Vineyards
Sobon Estate
Tanis Vineyards
Terra d'Oro Winery
Terre Rouge/Easton Wines
TKC Vineyards
Vino Noceto

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