

## News Release

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## Classic Wine Auction Presents the 2009 ORVI award to Earl Jones

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At this year's 25th anniversary Classic Wines Auction Earl Jones of Abacela winery in Roseburg, Oregon was presented the Oregon Vintner of the year award, known as the ORVI. This award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated significant achievements in building the Oregon wine industry and establishing its worldwide reputation.

In this quarter-century of collaboration, camaraderie and innovation the Classic Wine Auction (CWA) has raised 20 million dollars to support 10 charities that provide support to needy children. This year in the midst of a difficult economy the CWA raised an unbelievable 2.2 million to be shared between the Metropolitan Family Services, New Adventures for Youth, and Friends of the Children of Portland, Trillium Family Services and the YWCA of Clark County.

The CWA is a week long fundraising celebration beginning with the Spring Winemaker Dinner series, the Ambassadors Dinner at the Portland Art Museum on Friday night and culminating with the black-tie Auction at the Portland Convention Center Saturday night March, 7th2009

In addition to the ORVI award being given to Jones the VINI Award went to Dan Agnew, former owner of Mt. Hood Beverage and the Koerner Rombauer Award for Service went to Dan and Sallie Dutton of Stimson Lumber. The ORVI was introduced by the CWA in 2002 and past recipients of the award include: Bethel Heights (2008), Susan Sokol Blosser (2007), David Adelsheim (2006), Ken Wright (2005), Dick and Nancy Ponzi (2004), Dick Erath (2003), David Lett (2002).

““I was extremely pleased to receive the 2009 ORVI and deeply honored to see my name included in the same sentence with the names of the previous ORVI recipients” said Earl Jones, Principal and general manager of Abacela vineyards and winery.

Earl contributed the 2005 Abacela Paramour to the auction, in the form of a four bottle piano made up of a five liter (Rehoboam), a 3 liter (double magnum), one magnum and a bottle. This debuts the new Abacela “Grand Reserva” style wine scheduled for commercial release in the autumn of 2009.

Abacela ([www.abacela.com](http://www.abacela.com)) is a family-owned and operated vineyard and winery with more than 60 acres under cultivation and annual production exceeding 10,000 cases. The name comes from the Spanish/Portuguese word abacelar, which means to plant a grapevine.