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Classic Wine Auction Presents the 2009 ORVI award to Earl Jones Of Abacela

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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.

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 for my name to be 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.

About Abacela

Abacela (www.abacela.com) is a Southern Oregon family-owned and operated vineyard and winery specializing in Spanish variety wines. Established in 1992, the winery has more than 60 estate 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.

For more information about national sales or availability please contact Craig Eastman at Northwest Core Collection.

About Classic Wines Auction:

Based in Portland, Oregon, the Classic Wines Auction, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicate to producing the Classic Wines Auction and related food and wines events to raise funds for five local charities benefiting children and families. Recognized as one of the top ten charity auction events by the Wine Spectator, Classic Wines Auction had raised over \$20 million since its inception in 1982.