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Circle S Vineyards Presents Vintner's Dinner *Hosted by Vittorio's Cucina Italiana*

SUGAR LAND, TX...Circle S Vineyards of Sugar Land presents a Vintner's Dinner Wednesday, Mar. 9, 2005 at 7:00 pm. This evening will feature four-courses of authentically prepared Italian dishes complimented by three award winning fine wines. The dinner is hosted by Vittorio's Cucina Italiana, which is located at 15295 SW Freeway at Williams Trace.

Dave Stacy, owner of Circle S Vineyards collaborates with Mike Parente, owner of Vittorio's Cucina Italiana, to offer a dining experience for patrons to enjoy foods and wines especially selected to compliment and enhance. While the meal is being served, diners will be presented comments by Stacy and Parente as they offer wine and food preparation tips and guidance on combining foods and wines. "This will be a traditional Pugliese meal from the Puglia region of Italy on the Adriatic Sea," explains Parente. "This region has a climate very similar to that of southern California, and produces many of the same popular crops like grapes, oranges, artichokes, avocados, almonds, etc."

Circle S Vineyards is the only fully functional winery in Houston. Unlike most Texas wineries, Stacy does not obligate himself to the harvest of any vineyard, not even his own. Growers and vineyards have good years and bad years. When his grapes do not meet his high standards, he sells them to other wineries so he can purchase and import the best grapes wherever they are available. This past year, his wines were made from grapes grown exclusively in Italy and California.

"Our Montepulciano, produced from Italian grown grapes, when paired with the culinary skills of the native born Italian chef at Vittorio's," says Stacy, "will lead you to believe you are spending the evening in a remote Italian villa." Stacy and Parente will be

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paired together for another Vintner's Dinner April 27, 2005, during the upcoming Grand Wine and Food Affair.

The Circle S Vineyards/Vittorio's Cucina Italiana Vintner's Dinner is \$35 per person. For reservations, call Vittorio's at 281/565-2949.

Tours of the winery are included with every wine tasting, whether for one person or for groups. The winery is also available for private functions including weddings, parties, birthdays, corporate meetings and just about any special event. For more information about Circle S Vineyards and to reserve a tour and wine tasting, contact the winery at info@circlesvineyards.com. or 281/265-9463. Or just drop by anytime Tuesday – Thursday 11:00 am to 7:30 pm; Friday – Saturday 11:00 am to 8:30 pm; or Sunday 12 noon to 5:00 pm.

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