

## **IMMERSE IN SPANISH CUISINE, WINES AT THE SIZZLING iTaste España! PAVILION AT SAVOR DALLAS**

**DALLAS (FEBRUARY 2008)** – *Savor Dallas* presents ***iTaste España!***, an epicurean adventure into the wines and cuisine of Spain. During the *International Grand Tasting* on March 8, attendees can take a stroll through *iTaste España!*, sip wine, savor tasty tapas and enjoy a traditional Spanish flamenco performance.

Spain's top family-owned producers will showcase their best Spanish wine selection in reds, whites, sparkling wines and sherry from the most prominent regions in the country. The most celebrated grape varieties from Albariño to Tempranillo will be featured.

Spanish cuisine has been taking the U.S. by storm. Spanish chef Mariano Fernández, a native of the eastern coastal city of Valencia who now heads the kitchen at Parigi in Dallas, will be joined in the ***iTaste España!*** pavilion by Chef Stephen Justynski from *Café Madrid* to showcase Spain's rich culinary tradition. *Market Street* Executive Chef Chris Wilson will offer a variety of Spanish cheeses and other traditional ingredients from the shelves of their exciting new Metroplex location in Allen.

Fernández is representing his hometown as part of the Dallas-Valencia Cooperation Agreement, which was established in 2007 to create exchange in the areas of culture, education, commerce and tourism. In light of this recent city partnership, the selection of Spain as a featured country at *Savor Dallas* was a natural fit to Vicki Briley-White and Jim White, founders and directors of *Savor Dallas*. "The ***iTaste España!*** Pavilion will give people a hands-on opportunity to experience and share the gastronomy and culture of this dynamic country," White said. "We welcome the sizzling flavors of Spain to our *International Grand Tasting!*"

***iTaste España!*** is one of the many experiences at *Savor Dallas' International Grand Tasting* on Saturday, March 8, which showcases the signature recipes of 60 of North Texas' finest chefs and 500 wines from around the world. The *Grand Tasting's* new location, the Westin City Center Dallas and Plaza of the Americas, will provide various destinations on three different levels for guests to experience fine wines, food and spirits.

Other exciting destinations include the scintillating Bombay Sapphire Lounge, the premium Texas Wines tasting area, the Jack Daniel's lounge, and an assortment of top tasting stations hosted by winemakers, including "The Rhone Rangers" from California's famed Paso Robles appellation.

*Savor Dallas* has a sensational silent auction during the *International Grand Tasting* featuring rare wine items and gourmet trips. A not to be missed collector's item will be offered by Jack Daniel's: a Single Barrel selection holding the equivalent of 240 bottles of the reserve whiskey, hand-selected by the winner during a special trip to the distillery and autographed by Master Distiller Jimmy Bedford.

Tickets for the *International Grand Tasting* are \$125 per person and include a commemorative *Savor Dallas* 2008 Riedel Crystal tasting glass from American Airlines (while supplies last). The ticket also includes admission to the exciting *After Party* for the chefs and winemakers. The party starts at 10 p.m. in the Window's Ballroom of the Westin City Center Dallas.

**This year**, Savor Dallas offers a special "**Saturday Night Package**" including the incredible *Reserve Tasting*, *the International Grand Tasting*, and the *Chef's After-Party* for only \$200 per person. Tickets are available at the *Savor Dallas* Web site, [www.savordallas.com](http://www.savordallas.com).