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**TEN TASTES OF PERFECTION**

***Rare Wines of Superior Quality to be Showcased at the 1000 Point Tasting***

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend will once again host one of the country's rarest and most talked about wine tasting events – A 1000 Point Tasting, sponsored by Dr. Rocco Tritico and moderated by Antonio Galloni. The event will be held Friday, May 9 at 3:00 pm at the Westin in Uptown.

“Following the overwhelming response of the 2006 event, we felt it was absolutely necessary to duplicate the 1000 Point Tasting at the 2008 Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend,” stated Emily Halyburton Peterson, director of Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend.

The tasting will feature ten wines that have scored 100 points by the nation's leading wine critics including Robert M. Parker Jr. of *The Wine Advocate* and James Suckling of *The Wine Spectator*.

Some of the wines that participants will be able to marvel over include:

- 2004 Artadi Vina El Pison
- 2001 Domaine du Clos du Caillou Chateauneuf-du-Pape Reserve
- 2003 Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2003 Chateau Lafite-Rothschild
- 2003 Chateau Latour
- 2004 Clos Erasmus, made by Charlotte's Daphne Glorian Solomon

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*The Wine Advocate* has only deemed 173 out of the more than 300,000 wines reviewed to be faultless and *The Wine Spectator* has awarded only 53 of 185,000 wines with the prize of perfection. "This is a great opportunity to be in the presence of wines that are prized worldwide," says Peterson.

Tickets for the 2008 Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend are available online at [www.charlottewineandfood.com](http://www.charlottewineandfood.com). Proceeds benefit the five community partners of the 2008 Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend: Allegro Foundation, Charlotte Symphony, Hospitality House of Charlotte, Johnson & Wales University scholarship fund and KinderMourn.

Since its inception in 1990, the Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend has grown into one of the Southeast's largest wine events and has raised more than \$2.7 million for local charities. Held in the spring of every even-numbered year, the Weekend draws notable winemakers from around the world and pairs them with Charlotte's top chefs for three days of fun and educational events. The 2008 Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend, presented by University Volvo, will take place Wednesday, May 7, through Saturday, May 10. For more information, visit [www.charlottewineandfood.com](http://www.charlottewineandfood.com).

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