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8th annual Naperville Wine Festival presented by Van Kampen Investments brings 250 exceptional wines to Naper Settlement Sept. 17 & 18

Two Unforgettable Days of Wine Sampling, Cooking Demonstrations, Wine Seminars and Live Musical Entertainment

August 3, 2010; Naperville, Ill. – **The Naperville Wine Festival**, presented by Van Kampen Investments, returns for its eighth year to the historic Naper Settlement, located at 523 S. Webster St., Naperville, Ill., Friday, September 17 and Saturday, September 18, 2010.

Featuring more than 250 fine wines from across the globe, the Naperville Wine Festival is not only a wine connoisseurs' dream, but the perfect opportunity for the interested beginner to learn about the world of wine. From novice to professional, the Naperville Wine Festival welcomes all wine lovers to partake in an enriching and informative celebration of wine.

Beer lovers will enjoy the **Belgian Beer Café**, sponsored by Stella Artois, a beer garden experience within the festival featuring sampling of Stella Artois, Leffe and Hoegaarden beers.

"The Naperville Wine Festival is not only a great opportunity for the wine connoisseur to discover this year's finest blends, it's also the perfect place for individuals with a more casual appreciation of wine to expand their knowledge," said Scott Janess, organizer of the Naperville Wine Festival.

Interactive wine seminars and cooking demonstrations will be taught by experts in the field. Live musical entertainment will serenade festival attendees as they indulge their palates, interact with wine experts and socialize with friends.

Festival hours are Friday from 4 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday night ticket sales end at 8:30 p.m., and alcohol sampling and sales end at 9:30 p.m. Saturday ticket sales end at 7:30 p.m., and alcohol sampling and sales end at 8:30 p.m. A portion of the proceeds benefits The Naperville Area Humane Society.

Wine Discount Center will offer a 10% festival discount on all of the wines ordered at the Wine Discount Center on-site booth. Wine orders can be picked up at any of WDC's Chicago area locations.

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Adult Wine Tasting Tickets are $25 in advance and $35 at the gate. Advance tickets can be purchased through September 16th. This ticket price includes a souvenir wine glass, 10 tastings, a Festival Program, access to food and wine demonstrations and musical entertainment.

Additional tasting coupons may be purchased at the festival. **Designated Driver Tickets** are $10 in advance or at the door. This tickets includes two non- alcoholic drinks, a Festival Program, Food and Wine seminars, cooking demonstrations, musical entertainment and a souvenir wine glass upon departure. Attendees under 21 are admitted for free when accompanied by a paid adult.

For groups of 15 or more, tasting tickets are discounted to $22.50. To purchase group tickets, order 15 or more tickets online or call 877-772-5425.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.napervillewinefestival.com or by phone at 877-772-5425. Please note an additional fee applies for phone orders. Phone center hours are 8:00am to 9:00pm Central time – 7 days a week. Tickets will also be available for purchase on-site at Naper Settlement on the day of the festival.

Parking is available on street sides and in the Naper Settlement visitor lot, located at Webster and Porter Streets, and in designated lots at Naperville Central High School. Additional parking is available in the municipal building lot across Aurora Avenue. No pets or coolers allowed on festival grounds.

The Naperville Wine Festival is presented by Van Kampen Investments. Sponsors include, FIJI Water, Stella Artois, Leffe, Hoegaarden, Wells Fargo Advisors, Wine Discount Center, Continental Audi, Holiday Inn Select, *Naperville Magazine*, Whole Foods Market, *The Daily Herald*, WLIV 100.3FM, Grand Victoria Casino, SugarToad and CityGate Grille.

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