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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

VINO AND FRIENDS TO HOST 5th ANNUAL TASTE OF VINO EVENT
Proceeds to Benefit Hinds Hospice

Fresno, CA – July 2, 2012 – Vino & Friends invites you to join them for the upcoming *The Taste of Vino* event being held on Sunday, July 15, 2012 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Save Mart Center. *The Taste of Vino* event brings together local restaurants, over forty California, Washington and Imported Wineries and area breweries, allowing guests to choose from160 different wines and craft beers. Guests may also sample gourmet dishes from five of Fresno and the Central Valley's premier restaurants throughout the course of the event.

Chuck Van Fleet, owner of Vino & Friends states, "We know a lot of great people and are excited to feature some amazing food and wine. Additionally, proceeds from *The Taste of Vino* event will assist a local charity and Hinds Hospice will receive every dollar over the cost of the event. We look forward to providing a premier wine event for the folks in the Central Valley, while being able to give back to a fantastic organization."

In addition to sampling, wineries will provide pairing advice and tips to attendees. A silent auction will also be held during the event.

Ticket prices are as follow: $50 for Wine Club Members, $65 for Non-Wine Club Members. Tickets purchased after July 10th: $65 for Wine Club Members and $80 for Non-Wine Club Members. For ticket, sponsorship or event information, please email Chuck Van Fleet at chuck@thetasteofvino.com or call 559-434-1771.

Confirmed Restaurants: Vino & Friends, Ruth's Chris, Campagnia, School House and Piazza del Pane.
Confirmed Wineries: 4 Vines, Adventures in wine, Ancient Peaks, Anon Wine, B Cellars, Bennett Lane, Birdstone Winery, Cardella Winery, Clay House, Cline, CRU Winery, Crew Winery, Ehlers Estate, Flora Springs, Frank Family, Gemstone, Grey Wolf, Halter Ranch, Heitz Cellars, Hovey Wine, Idle Hour, L'Aventrue, Lange Twins, Long Shadows, Lucas & Lewellin, Macauley, Meyer Family, Molnar Family Wines, New Age, Opolo, Palmaz, Pech Merle, Pine Ridge, Rodney Strong, Sextant, Silver Oak, Twomey, Tobin James, Toad Hallow, Viader, Vina Robles, ZD Wines

About Vino & Friends: Vino & Friends is a locally owned and operated wine store, bistro and tasting room. Chuck & Jen Van Fleet have owned Vino & Friends for over six years and are focused on creating a diverse inventory that satisfies every palate and budget. Chuck & Jen have been enjoying and collecting wine for over 15 years. www.vinoandfriends.com

About Hinds Hospice: Hinds Hospice is a non-profit hospice serving Fresno, Madera and Merced counties. Hinds Hospice was founded in 1981 by Nancy Hinds; who saw the need for hospice care in our community. Nancy opened up her own home and began helping those living with a terminal condition. Hinds Hospice believes in a philosophy of care for the end of life where the focus is on comfort rather than a cure, when life expectancy is believed to be six months or less. Hinds Hospice helps patients redirect hope into mending and restoring relationships, spending quality time with loved ones, and finding peace and comfort. www.hindshospice.org

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