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**STOWE WINE & FOOD CLASSIC PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT FOR THE GOURMET
Tickets for Northern New England's Premiere Wine & Food Event Available for
Holidays**

STOWE, VT – It's easy to find the perfect gift for the gourmet on your list or for that person who has everything. Give them the unique experience of the Stowe Wine and Food Classic, northern New England's premiere wine and food event. Always held on the third weekend in June, this year's event is set for June 19-21, 2009 at Trapp Family Lodge. Two-time James Beard Award recipient and Oprah's former chef Art Smith, more than 100 fine wines and the finest chefs from the region's best restaurants will be featured. From fresh delicious regional cuisine to traditional Austrian delicacies and more, this unique event offers something for every appetite amidst the beauty of summer in Vermont. The Stowe Wine and Food Classic is presented by Stowe Charities, Inc. as a benefit for Copley Hospital.

The Stowe Wine and Food Classic kicks off the evening of June 19 with an intimate Wine Tasting held in Trapp Family Lodge's cavernous, stone wine cellar. On Saturday, enjoy an exclusive opportunity to meet the vintners and representatives presenting the weekend's fine wines and enjoy an unforgettable dinner featuring the exquisite cuisine of Trapp Family Lodge's executive chef. During the evening, guests will have the opportunity to bid on prized and collectible wines as well as one-of-a-kind items while dancing to live music. Sunday's Grand Tasting is a cornucopia of tastes and experiences with more than 100 wines from the leading producing regions of the world along with delicious foods, including artisan breads and cheeses plus a cooking demo with celebrity chef Art Smith, wine seminars and a silent auction.

Tickets for the Stowe Wine and Food Classic range from \$75 for the Wine Tasting, to \$150 per person for the Gala Dinner and Dance to \$60 for Sunday afternoon's Grand Tasting. A package including Saturday and Sunday events is priced at \$185. To reserve your tickets go online at stowewine.com or call 802-253-0399.

The Stowe Wine and Food Classic benefits Copley Hospital, Lamoille County's non-profit community hospital. This rural hospital provides excellent women's and children's health services, emergency services, general surgery and orthopedics, along with a state-of-the-art Cancer Care program, Pain Management, and access to a variety of medical specialists on its campus in Morrisville. Copley annually provides one million dollars in charity care. In 2008, Copley Hospital was named EMS Hospital of the Year.