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**WINERY KICKS OFF NEW 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS WITH WORLD OF WINE SERIES
“Basic Wine Components” TASTING & FUTURES OPEN HOUSE**

Carmel, Ca- Chateau Julien Wine Estate in Carmel Valley announces the schedule for its upcoming 2009 events calendar, including the continuation of the popular *World of Wine Series* and a new *Barrel Tasting & Futures Open House* this January.

The Wine Estate’s first 2009 educational *World of Wine Series* will highlight “Basic Wine Components” on **January 7, 2009** from 6:00 – 7:30pm, hosted by Chateau Julien Viticulturist & Winemaker Marta Kraftzeck. The monthly *World of Wine Series* focuses on the history, growing conditions and uniqueness of wine regions throughout the world, and will feature such countries as South Africa, France and Spain in the upcoming months. For a complete list of featured countries, please visit the “News & Event” section of the Chateau Julien website. The cost is \$40 per person; club members \$35 per person. For those interested in joining multiple sessions, World Traveler Cards are also available for a special rate of \$240 / six classes.

The new “**Barrel Tasting and Futures Open House**” on **January 17, 2009** will give guests the opportunity to taste aging wines in 60-gallon oak barrels and purchase a selection of Private Reserve varietals at significantly reduced “futures” pricing. Only the first 100 cases of select varietals and vintages are reserved as futures, each signed by Winemaker Bill Anderson upon release in summer 2009. “We have offered futures in the past to only a handful of loyal customers and club members. This year, we have extended the great prices to locals and event guests in January,” comments Proprietor Patty Brower.

The Open House will be from 11am to 4pm and cost is \$10 per person; club members are complimentary. Reservations for both events can be made on the Chateau Julien website- www.chateaujulien.com.

For a complete list of 2009 events, please visit the Chateau Julien website. Chateau Julien Wine Estate is family owned and operated by Bob and Patty Brower in Carmel Valley, California. The winery produces wines under three tiers: Chateau Julien Private Reserve, Estate Vineyard and Barrel Selected. Over 25% of the winery's 246-acre South Monterey County vineyard is planted with its flagship varietal, Merlot, with additional acreage planted in Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Syrah, Sangiovese, Zinfandel and Pinot Grigio. For more information on Chateau Julien wines or the history of the Wine Estate, please visit www.chateaujulien.com.