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Topel's "Day of Wine & Roses" Event

Offers Expert's Tips for Growing Happy Roses

Healdsburg, CA, Monday, August 17, 2009— Topel Winery Tasting Room in Healdsburg is teaming up with noted rose expert Jan Tolmasoff of The Russian River Rose Company for "A Day of Wine & Roses" on Sunday, September 20th.

Tolmasoff will conduct a seminar entitled "Growing Happy Roses," in which she will offer tips on propagation, fertilization, pruning and natural pest control, as well as other rose-related topics. The seminar will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Topel Tasting Room, 125 Matheson Street, in Healdsburg. Wine and appetizers will be served.

Following the presentation, Tolmasoff will conduct a private tour of The Russian River Rose Company garden, located at 1685 Magnolia Drive in Healdsburg, from 2 to 4 p.m. Guests will be able to stroll among the more than 650 unique varieties of roses on the grounds, while sipping Topel wines. Rose bushes will be available for sale both at the tasting room and at the garden.

Topel Winery principals Mark and Donnis Topel grow hundreds of rose bushes at their Estate vineyard on Duncan Peak, just south of Hopland. "Our love for roses is almost as strong as our devotion to the grape vines," explained Donnis Topel. "We thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to bring the two worlds together. Many people are intimidated by roses and think of them as complex and difficult to grow. Jan has a marvelous capacity to demystify roses and encourage gardeners, both new and experienced, to raise happy, healthy roses without a great deal of effort."

Cost for the seminar and tour, with wine and food included, is \$XX. Advance reservations are suggested and can be made by calling the Topel Tasting Room at 707-433-4116 or by writing Donnis at donnis@topelwines.com.

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