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Topel Winery and Spoonbar link up for special Winemaker Dinner on February 8

Healdsburg, CA, Thursday, January 20, 2011— Two of Healdsburg's trendiest spots — Topel Tasting Room and Spoonbar! Restaurant — will team up for a special Winemaker Dinner on Tuesday evening, February 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Winemaker Marcus Topel will conduct a lively banter with guests, showcasing six of Topel Winery's outstanding releases paired with the eclectic cuisine of spoonbar! Chef Rudy Mihal. Spoonbar! is located in the new h2hotel at 219 Healdsburg Avenue in Healdsburg.

The five-course meal will start with Artisanal Farmstead Cheeses and House-Made Charcuterie offerings, paired with Topel's 2008 Pinot Noir, Serendipity. The second course will be House-Made Potato Gnocchi with Pork Sausage Ragu and Cacioricotta (with a vegetarian option of Gnocchi with Sicilian Pesto Sauce) and the 2006 Topel Estate Syrah Noir, Cuveé Donnis.

Pan Seared Arctic Char with Octopus, Scallops and Manila Clams will accompany Topel's 2009 Chardonnay, Classique, (with a vegetarian option of Hand-Cut Beet Tartar with Buffalo Mozzarella and Toasted Almonds) for the third course.

The fourth course will feature Topel's 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon, Hidden Vineyard Reserve, and the winery's 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon, Estate Reserve, with Slow Cooked Beef Short Ribs, Celery Root Puree and Nante Carrots (vegetarian option of Couscous with an assortment of Roasted County Line Vegetables).

The dessert course will be a duo of season desserts, paired with Topel's 2008 Orange Moscato, Marmellata.

TOPEL WINERY

Topel Winery is a small, boutique producer located on Duncan Peak in Hopland. The winery's tasting room is one of Healdsburg's favorites for both tourists and locals, and is located across from Oakville Grocery at 125 Matheson Street. The winery is very active in the Healdsburg community and recently produced its third annual Topel Wine Tails Calendar, which is a popular benefit for the Healdsburg Animal Shelter.

Spoonbar! opened in 2010 to rave reviews and is located in the LEED Gold-certified h2hotel, one of the most eco-friendly lodging sites in Northern California. Its undulating "green roof" is home to thousands of succulents — a tourist attraction in its own right.

Dinner reservations for the Topel Winemaker Dinner are highly recommended. Cost is \$49 per person. To secure a slot, call spoonbar! at 707-433-7222 or go online to Open Table at www.opentable.com/spoonbar-h2hotel. Visit us online at www.topelwines.com or www.facebook.com/topelwinery.