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Topel and spoonbar! Team Up For a Lively Evening of Wine and Food

Healdsburg, CA, Friday, January 20, 2012—The exquisite handcrafted wines of Topel Winery will be featured at a special Winemaker Dinner at Healdsburg's spoonbar! Restaurant on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Winemaker Marcus Topel and his wife, Donnis, will offer a lively evening of wine banter and generous pours of their wines at a four-course dinner that begins at 6:30 p.m. The price is \$59 per person, plus tax and tip. It is the second annual Topel event at the restaurant and reservations are suggested, as last year's event was a sell-out.

Executive chef Rudy Mihal's menu for the evening includes a first course of chilled grilled prawns with an avocado mousse and alfalfa sprouts, paired with Topel's 2010 Chardonnay Classique from Mendocino County. A second course of duck confit and lamb sausage cassoulet complements Topel's 2009 Pinot Noir Reserve from Monterey County. The main course features braised short ribs with butternut squash puree and Swiss chard, served with Topel's 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon from the famed Batuello Vineyard in St. Helena. Dessert will be a flourless peanut butter chocolate cake with salted caramel and candied peanuts, coupled with Topel's 2007 Syrah Noir, Cuvée Donnis, crafted from the rare Syrah Noir clone grown at the Topel Winery's Estate Vineyards on Duncan Peak in Mendocino County.

Reservations can be made by calling the restaurant at 707-433-7222, or by going online to Open Table at www.opentable.com/spoonbar-h2hotel. The hotel is offering a special room rate for the evening for guests attending the dinner — \$175 for an Eco King room. To get the special rate, call the hotel directly at 707-922-5251 and mention the Topel Wine Dinner.

More information is available online at www.topelwines.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/topelwinery. Topel Tasting Room is located at 125 Matheson Street, just steps off Healdsburg Plaza in downtown Healdsburg. It is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.