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Chihuly Garden and Glass Presents VineArts: An Evening of Artful Pairings
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Local vintners, food and art combine to help kick-off the holiday season

Seattle – On November 14 local wine and food enthusiasts are invited to join *Chihuly Garden and Glass* for VineArts, an evening of wine tastings artfully paired with small plates created by Chef Ivan Szilak and [Collections Café](#). The event, which kicks-off at 6 p.m. in the Glasshouse, will feature wines from Dunham Cellars, DeLille Cellars, Sparkman Cellars, Salida Winery, Sonoris Wines and Two Vintners.

Guests will be welcomed in the lobby before touring the exhibition's interior galleries. Once in the Glasshouse, attendees will sample their way through several offerings from each vintner. For an added twist, guests will also taste six unidentified Bordeaux-style blends and cast a vote for their favorite. Votes will be tallied and, at the evening's end, host and master winemaker Bob Betz will reveal the unmarked wines and name one as the People's Choice. That vintner will be awarded a delicate hand-blown goblet, a nod to one of the oldest forms in glass, created by artist Ryan Staub of Pratt Fine Arts Center, one of the exhibition's community partners.

"Here in the Pacific Northwest we have some of the best winemakers and glassblowers in the country," said Michelle Bufano, executive director at *Chihuly Garden and Glass*. "Vine Arts is a way for us to celebrate both traditions in this beautiful space Dale created for our community. We look forward to this being a new fall tradition."

Following the naming of the People's Choice Award, Betz will host a brief Q&A with the vintners. Party goers can then continue to enjoy music provided by the Brian Nova Trio, meet the vintners and take home a new favorite bottle to toast the holiday season. A special offer from Uber will also be available to those attending the event. Tickets for VineArts are available now: <http://www.chihulygardenandglass.com/vine-arts>.

About *Chihuly Garden and Glass*

Chihuly Garden and Glass provides a look at the career of artist Dale Chihuly. Located at Seattle Center, the exhibition features an Exhibition Hall offering visitors a comprehensive look at Chihuly's significant series of work. Visitors will also enjoy the centerpiece Glasshouse - a dramatic structure housing a suspended 1,340-piece, 100-foot-long glass sculpture -- and the Garden, which is a backdrop for a number of monumental sculptures and other installations. Also housed in the Exhibition Hall is the Collections Café, featuring pieces from Chihuly's

collections including carnival chalk ware, vintage accordions, vintage radios and cameras and The Bookstore, showcasing the works of local artisans and a variety of books and materials relating to Chihuly's artworks. For more information visit: www.chihulygardenandglass.com.

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