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The Time is Ripe for Wally Wine Fest

Hawley, PA (October 13, 2020)— COVID-19 shelved Wally Wine Fest this spring, but the popular annual event at The Waterfront at Silver Birches makes an eagerly anticipated return November 20-22. In light of the ongoing health situation, modifications were made to allow attendees to enjoy, "safely spaced sips and savories."

Tickets may be purchased for one of three seated wine tasting sessions offered on both Saturday and Sunday. During the two-hour sessions, attendees will enjoy four small plate tasting courses accompanied by three wine samples per tasting. Ticket holders will select their top three sampling choices from eight different wines for each course. Settlers Hospitality Sommelier, Claude Briere, has personally chosen the featured wines, which include domestic and international labels. Tastings are scheduled from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. each day. Tables may be reserved for groups from two to 10 people. "This is a major event in the Lake Region that's really exploded in popularity over the last four years," explains Justin Genzlinger, CEO/Owner, Settlers Hospitality. "It was important for us to host the festival this year and we're thrilled to be able to offer people a sense of normalcy during these unpredictable times. We've made some alterations to allow for social distancing but retained the spirit and caliber that makes Wally Wine Fest unique."

Bottles of every wine featured will be available for sale. With prices ranging from \$10-\$100, there's something to match every taste and budget. A Marketplace will overflow with fine food, gift items and decor fit for wine lovers— all available for purchase. Visitors may shop offerings from places such as Art on the Edge, which features home/wine décor. A Silent Auction benefits Lake Wallenpaupack's fireworks display and features overnight stays at some of the area's finest accommodations plus gift cards to local restaurants and businesses. Golf and spa packages, as well as boat and paddle board rentals, are also up for grabs. Live entertainment rounds out the weekend-long festivities.

Wally Wine Fest weekend launches with the Venge Wine Dinner on Friday, November 20 at The Settlers Inn. A sumptuous prix fixe menu will be paired with selections from the award-winning Napa Valley California vineyard. Platinum ticket holders enjoy exclusive entry to the Venge Wine Dinner as well as one session during Wally Wine Fest. A Champagne Brunch at The Settlers Inn on Sunday, November 22 caps off the weekend. Visitors may savor a prix fixe brunch menu, live music and a tasting flight of three French champagnes including Veuve Clicquot.

Everyone who attends the festival at Silver Birches receives a commemorative wine glass. General admission is \$50 per person. Designated drivers may attend for \$25. A \$175 platinum ticket includes the Venge Wine Dinner at The Settlers Inn on November 20. Visit wallywinefest.com to purchase tickets.

About Settlers Hospitality

Settlers Hospitality, a boutique multi-concept hospitality in Hawley, PA, consists of The Settlers Inn, Ledges Hotel, Silver Birches Resort, Hotel Anthracite, Sayre Mansion, The Dock on Wallenpaupack,

Glasswine.bar.kitchen, Kōl Steakhouse, Cocoon Coffeehouse and Bakery, Lake Region Fitness and Art on the Edge. For more information, check out SettlersHospitality.com

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