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Wally Wine Fest Adds Special Guest Chef

Hawley, PA (November 5, 2020)— Wally Wine Fest is so close you can almost taste it. The event at The Waterfront at Silver Birches, November 20-22, recently added an appearance by renowned guest chef Nick Kennedy to the weekend of activities.

The Venge Wine Dinner at The Settlers Inn on Friday, November 20 launches three days of safely spaced sips and savories. Guest chef Nick Kennedy will prepare a sumptuous prix fixe menu paired with selections from the award-winning Napa Valley California vineyard. A Culinary Institute of America graduate, Kennedy was named 2019 Philadelphia Rising Star Restaurateur along with his business partner Greg Root. Their company, Defined Hospitality, has launched some of the hottest restaurants in Philadelphia including Root (now R&D), Pizza Beddia and Suraya a Lebanese restaurant and café. Philadelphia Magazine named Suraya Best New Restaurant of 2018. Their latest venture is Condesa, an upscale Mexican-inspired restaurant inside the trendy Philly Pod Hotel in Center City.

"Nick Kennedy is one of the most sought-after chefs on the Philadelphia restaurant scene. We're thrilled to welcome him to Wally Wine Fest and give attendees the opportunity to enjoy his cuisine, which will pair beautifully with the fine vintages from Venge Vineyards," says Justin Genzlinger, CEO/Owner, Settlers Hospitality. Wally Wine Fest platinum ticket holders enjoy exclusive entry to the Venge Wine Dinner as well as one tasting session during the weekend. A limited number of tickets are available for the three seated wine tasting sessions on Saturday and Sunday at The Waterfront. The two-hour sessions feature 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. Featured wines include labels from around the United States and the world. Bottles of every wine featured will be available for sale. 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.

Wally Wine Fest also offers live entertainment, a wine-centric Marketplace and a silent auction with gift cards to local restaurants plus enticing getaways up for grabs. A Champagne Brunch at The Settlers Inn on Saturday and Sunday from 11 am. To 2:30 p.m. adds a bit of bubbly to the festivities. 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, Köl Steakhouse, Cocoon Coffeehouse and Bakery, Lake Region Fitness and Art on the Edge. For more information, check out SettlersHospitality.com