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CCOF's Fourth Annual Organic Beer & Wine Tasting Event to Showcase Award-Winning Wines and Innovative Beers and Spirits at Ferry Building

(July 6, 2009) Santa Cruz, CA. Organic vinters and brewers will line the halls of the San Francisco Ferry Building on Friday, October 23 for CCOF's fourth annual Organic Beer and Wine Tasting Event. Eventgoers will experience a wide selection of award-winning organic wines, beers and spirits alongside sample pairings from the Ferry Building's acclaimed restaurants and specialty food vendors.

CCOF, one of the nation's largest organic certifiers, welcomes back a number of certified organic beer, wine and spirit producers to this increasingly popular tasting event. On the wine front, attendees can expect to meet a full lineup of favorite winemakers from previous years including Adastr, Chance Creek, Hafgan Cellars, Hallcrest Vineyards and The Organic Wine Works, LaRocca Vineyards, Marimar Estate Vineyards and Winery and Yorkville Cellars. Returning brewers include San Francisco's own Thirsty Bear Brewing Company as well as Santa Cruz Mountain Brewing. Shadow Spirits will bring their organic vodka for the second time.

In addition to last year's vendors, participants can also look forward to some award-winning newcomers: Alma Rosa Winery and Vineyard's 2006 Chardonnay was selected as the #4 wine in *Wine Enthusiast Magazine's* Top 100 Wines for 2008; Hawley Winery's 2005 Zinfandel received the Gold Medal at the West Coast Wine Competition; and Terra Savia won the Silver Medal at *San Francisco Chronicle's* 2008 Wine Competition. Other acclaimed newcomers include True Earth Wines pouring their Chardonnay, F.Korbel and Bros. Inc. sampling their Brut Champagne, Medlock Ames with an assortment of newly released wines and Scaggs Vineyard pouring their 2008 Grenache Rose and 2006 Montage.

This year's participating breweries will also hosts a fair share of award-winning fresh faces. Ineeka Teas, a Chicago based producer of certified organic and biodynamic tea, will sample their new, award-winning, certified organic, green tea beer, "Himalayan Green Tea Bier". The innovative, artisan crafted beer is a combination of freshly brewed organic malt, hops, ginger and green tea grown on Ineeka's organic, biodynamic and fair trade farms in the Himalayas. The organic beer was launched in March of 2009 at Natural Products Expo West in Anaheim, where it garnered immediate recognition by winning the award for Best New Product/Most Unique Product at the tradeshow. Other new participants with innovative offerings include Uncommon

Brewers, pouring a variety of their signature ale blends, including their kaffir lime and lemongrass infused Siamese Twin Ale, and Bison Organic Beers pouring a rich Chocolate Stout and refreshing Honey Basil Ale.

The growth in organic spirits is reflected in the addition of three distillers to the tasting lineup: 123 Tequila pouring their 100% Blue Agave Blanco tequila, LOFT Organic Liqueurs pouring an assortment of fresh fruit and botanical liqueurs and Mezcal Benesin sampling their Smokey Organic Mezcal.

Tickets are \$25 for 10 tastes or \$15 for 5 tastes, which includes a commemorative wine glass. Proceeds from the event will help fund CCOF's education and outreach programs. For more information and to buy tickets online visit the CCOF website at www.ccof.org/ccoftasting.php.

About CCOF

CCOF (California Certified Organic Farmers), a nonprofit organization, was founded in 1973. CCOF's mission is to certify, educate, advocate and promote organic through:

- *A premier organic certification program for growers, processors, handlers, and retailers.*
- *Programs to increase awareness of and demand for certified organic product and to expand public support for organic agriculture.*
- *Advocacy for governmental policies that protect and encourage organic agriculture.*

CCOF certifies more than 2,000 organic operations in 35 states and three foreign countries and serves over 350 supporting members - consumers, suppliers, businesses and individuals - interested in supporting its work. For further information on CCOF visit: www.ccof.org

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