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***Swing into the First Wine Country Golf Classic***

***Friday, June 24, from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Columbia Point Golf Course, Richland***

RICHLAND, Wash. – (April 19, 2005) – Team up with local winemakers and golf enthusiasts for the **Wine Country Golf Classic** at Columbia Point Golf Course in Richland on **Friday, June 24, from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** The tournament includes lively competitions, lunch at the turn, an awards ceremony finale and admittance to the **WAVE** wine tasting, Washington Arriving Vintner's Event, held at the Hedges Family Estate Winery, Red Mountain. Tournament fee is \$150. Proceeds benefit Washington Wine Country. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

*Columbia Point Golf Course* is an upscale, challenging course for all levels of golfers and is located in Richland, on the eastern side of the Cascade Mountains adjacent to the Columbia River. This James J. Engh, Par 72 design features mounded, rolling fairways and large, undulating greens. The greens and tees are bent grass while the fairways are a mix of blue grass and rye. [www.columbiapointgolfcourse.com](http://www.columbiapointgolfcourse.com)

*Washington's Arriving Vintners Event (WAVE)* returns in 2005 to gather Washington's newest up and coming vintners under one roof, offering the public a chance to discover the latest and greatest of what Washington has to offer. WAVE is a dynamic tasting dedicated to bringing Washington's new vintners to the forefront of this ever-expanding industry. Taste wines from over 15 vintners and sample appetizers from celebrated Seattle Chefs. Hosted at the Hedges Family Estate on Red Mountain. Tickets are \$45. [www.wavetasting.com](http://www.wavetasting.com)

The first of its kind, **Washington Wine Country Celebration** has events at wineries in all four wine growing appellations and gives visitors the opportunity to picnic in the vineyards, dine with winemakers in the beautiful wineries, shop for unique regional items and, of course, taste the terroir of the various appellations of Washington wine. In the midst of this romantic weekend lies the exclusive, star-studded Grand Gala at a heralded estate overlooking the Yakima Valley. [www.winecountrycelebration.com](http://www.winecountrycelebration.com)

Formed in 2003, **Washington Wine Country** is a non-profit association of Eastern Washington businesses promoting wine-related tourism, economic development and recognition of the world-class wine-growing region comprising the Yakima Valley, Columbia Valley, Walla Walla Valley and Red Mountain appellations. [www.winecountrywashington.org](http://www.winecountrywashington.org)

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