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**SOUTHERN BREEZE WINE + CULINARY FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY
DCS BY FISHER AND PAYKEL RETURNS TO ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA
MAY 18-20, 2007**

GULF SHORES, Ala. – May 2, 2007 – The fourth annual ***Southern Breeze Wine + Culinary Festival Presented by DCS by Fisher & Paykel*** (formerly Coastal Wine Tour) returns to Orange Beach, Ala., **May 18-20, 2007**. This spectacular event will take place at scenic Orange Beach Waterfront Park.

“The event is bigger and better than ever, and we’re thrilled to be in Orange Beach for the fourth consecutive year,” says J. Gary Ellis, publisher of *Southern Breeze* magazine. “We’re working with top tier chefs, wine experts and industry partners such as DCS by Fisher & Paykel that have taken the event to the next level.”

On **Friday, May 18** from 7-10 p.m., experience the ultimate pairing at one of two **Winemaker Dinners**. At Dinner no. 1 **Chef Tim Creehan** of Beach Walk Crystal Beach in Destin, Fla. will prepare multi-course gourmet affair artfully paired with elegant wines from Falcor Winery (Napa Valley) presented by winemaker Ryan Bee. At Dinner no. 2, **Chef Donald Link** of Herbsaint in New Orleans will prepare his renowned Cajun-influenced cuisine paired with Bourassa Wines (Napa Valley) presented by winemaker Vic Bourassa. Throughout each course, guests will be educated about these complementary pairings that bring out the fine, distinct flavors in each culinary delicacy.

At the **Kaiser Realty, Inc. Grand Wine Tasting** on **Saturday, May 19**, from 1-5 p.m. guests can sample unique, boutique wines from around the world, which are not readily available in stores. All wines will be available on site for purchase through our exclusive retailer, The Wine Store in Gulf Shores. Two expert wine **seminars** will be offered throughout the day presented by **Michael Bryan**, Executive Director of the Atlanta Wine School; in addition to two culinary seminars by **Chef Tim Creehan**. Seats are limited at the seminars and tickets are required. The wine seminars are sponsored by Cabot Cheese, “the exclusive Cheddar of the Atlanta Wine School” and by Nestle Waters, the producers of Acqua Panna and S. Pellegrino.

On Sunday, May 20, enjoy the **Bayside Walkabout Brunch** from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., also at Orange Beach Waterfront Park. Guests can stroll the grounds and sample specialties from local restaurants as wine experts pour champagnes and sparkling wines to complement each delicacy. Guests can also vote on the “People’s Choice” award in a culinary competition in which distinctive awards are given.

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Come celebrate the "Good Life on the Gulf Coast!" at this fun, entertaining and informative series of events. The event is growing rapidly, and will take place in two other destinations in 2007 (Mobile event was Mar. 23-24).

June 15-17 **Baton Rouge, La.**
Oct. 19-21 **Rosemary Beach, Fla.**

Ticket prices are as follows: Winemaker Dinner, \$150.00, reservations required; Grand Wine Tasting, \$55 in advance, \$65 day of event; Seminars are \$5 each, advance tickets suggested; Walkabout Brunch, \$35 in advance, \$45 day of event. Connoisseur Packages offering the entire weekend premiere experience also are available. For more information and tickets go to: www.southernbreeze.com/winefest or call 251.968.4600.

The *Southern Breeze* Wine + Culinary Festival supports the efforts of the Gulf of Mexico Foundation, a non-profit organization that works to promote and fund research, education, and conservation programs, ensuring a sustainable quality of life for residents and visitors of the Gulf Coasts.

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