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**Tasting & Awards Benefit  
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**DELICIOUS DILEMMA AWAITS AT LONG BEACH GRAND CRU TASTING EVENT IN THE QUEEN MARY "SEAWALK PARK" -- How to choose from 1900 wines, 20 restaurants, and two specialty foods stores.**

**... All competition and medal winning wines are included!**

**Long Beach, CA – August 2, 2006** — A grand choice of food, wine and entertainment awaits the guests of the Long Beach Grand Cru's annual tasting event Saturday, August 19, in the Queen Mary "Seawalk" park. And it's for a good cause...a community fundraiser for the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.

The guests will be surrounded by an enchanting skyline of an English village, the Queen Mary ship, the Dome which housed the famous "Spruce Goose", and the scenic harbor of Long Beach. Restaurants play a big role as guests will sample specially prepared delicacies from 20 of our area's finest restaurants and two specialty stores. Tempting aromas and delicious displays of mouth-watering morsels await with a tasting of approximately 1900 entries from 442 wineries from around the world. All the medal winners from the intensive two-day Long Beach Grand Cru wine competition are served and tasting all of them is a challenge one can only imagine.

Where to begin? How to proceed? There is no simple answer. Sophisticated wine connoisseurs will be rubbing shoulders with excited amateurs, as well as others just out for a heart-warming and social evening of fine food and drink.

The evening's festivities include the music of Tracey Wells & His All Stars, five live auctions of items including a Carnival Caribbean cruise in the Owner's Suite; and numerous silent auction items and packages including cases of award-winning wines, and many one-of-a-kind items along with an opportunity drawing. You may also recognize a celebrity or two!

"A spectacular wine and food tasting ... not to be missed" said restaurant critic Elmer Dills. "This event has not only become recognized by wine enthusiasts, but it's touched the hearts of the greater community in a way I could never have imagined," said executive producer Ludmila Montoya. "In its simplest terms, it's a delightful way to enjoy great wine, delicious food and good friends while, at the same time, giving back to those desperately in need of legal services."

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Tickets are available now at \$150 per person. The ticket cost includes food and wine, as well as an official NAO competition wineglass embossed with the Long Beach Grand Cru logo. All proceeds benefit the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.

To purchase tickets contact Dodie Reddington at 213-640-3848 or Ludmila Montoya at 213-640-3894. Visa & MasterCard accepted. Log on to website [www.longbeachgrandcru.com](http://www.longbeachgrandcru.com) for detailed information

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