

# LUXEHOME

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## GOURMET FOOD, WINE AND DESIGN AT 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CHILL *An International Wine & Culinary Tasting to Benefit Charity*

**October 23, 2008, CHICAGO**—On Wednesday, November 12, LuxeHome and *Wine Spectator* will present CHILL, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual wine and culinary event to benefit the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago in their crusade to help people living with Lung Cancer and other lung diseases.

Enjoy world-renowned wines and spirits paired with gourmet food from distinguished chefs throughout Chicago hosted in LuxeHome's 30 luxury kitchen and bath boutiques. Open to the public and located on the first floor of the world-famous Merchandise Mart, LuxeHome is the world's largest collection of luxury boutiques for home building and renovation.

"Last year's event was a tremendous success, attracting more than 2000 guests and raising \$50,000 for the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago", says Katherine Flaherty, vice president of building products and special projects. "We're excited about the upcoming event and partnering with *Wine Spectator* for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. There are some fabulous restaurants participating this year including Sixteen, located in the new Trump Tower & Hotel, Blackbird, Carnivale and more."

CHILL will feature a private VIP wine tasting reception from 5-6 p.m. pouring Perrier-Jouet Grand Brut NV Champagne paired with a signature dish from the world renowned Chef Charlie Trotter from Charlie Trotter's Restaurant in the Ernestomeda Chicago boutique, Suite 128.

Following the VIP Reception, the Main Event, 6-8:30pm, features wines, spirits and culinary tastings from 29 distinguished Chefs and restaurants.

### Restaurants Include:

- Adobo Grill
- aigredoux
- Avenues (Peninsula Hotel)
- Ben Pao
- Blackbird

- Blueprint
- Brasserie Jo/Everest
- Carnivale
- Charlie Trotter's
- Coco Pazzo
- Destination Kohler
- Greg Christian
- Heaven on Seven
- HotChocolate
- Kinzie Chophouse
- La Scarola
- McCormick & Schmick's
- Park Grill
- Piccolo Sogno
- Rhapsody
- Roy's
- Sixteen (Trump Tower & Hotel)
- Socca
- The Café at the Ritz Carlton
- The Chopping Block
- Trattoria No. 10
- Vinci
- Wildfire

The evening will be supported by lively entertainment and a variety of other food and beverage sponsors such as Illy Café Espresso Bars, Fiji Water, premium cheese table, Kohler Chocolate, Wine Cellar Sorbet, Jordan's Food of Distinction, LU Biscuits and Mrs. Prindable's Apples to complement your tasting experience. In addition, there is a fabulous Silent Auction featuring wine and restaurant packages donated by participating wineries, distributors, restaurants and more.

*Wine Spectator's* Samantha Shanken, VP of Marketing, has been part of the planning since the very beginning. "*Wine Spectator* is proud to be the sponsor of this exciting event for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. The line-up of chefs, paired with our wine and spirits clients will make for a very special evening."

We are thrilled to once again be the charity partner of this prestigious event", says Joel Africk, President and CEO of Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago. "CHILL provides us with a high visibility opportunity to raise awareness about our fight against lung disease and the funds raised help us bring critical services to disadvantaged communities."

Chill is Wednesday, November 12, 2008 with a VIP Tasting Reception from 5-6 p.m. followed by the Wine & Culinary Event and Silent Auction from 6-8:30 p.m.

50% of all ticket sales and 100% of the proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago.

Tickets are \$85 for the Main Event and \$175 for the VIP Wine Tasting Reception. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.luxehome.com/chill](http://www.luxehome.com/chill) or by phone at 312-628-0211

#### ABOUT LUXEHOME®

LuxeHome boasts more than 100,000 square feet of space with 30 boutiques that feature the finest kitchen and bath products for luxury home building and renovation from the most recognized and respected manufacturers worldwide. Open to the public, as well as interior designers, architects and custom builders, LuxeHome displays the widest selection of products to fit all lifestyles, from modern European to classic American to traditional English. In addition to the extensive lineup of manufacturers, each boutique offers knowledgeable designers who are available to assist with all phases of each design project. LuxeHome's boutiques are open for shopping Monday through Saturday.

Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. (MMPI) is a trade show and property management firm, specializing in managing buildings devoted to wholesale showrooms and commercial office space. MMPI produces more than 300 trade shows, market events and conferences each year.

MMPI manages The Merchandise Mart and 350 W. Mart Center in Chicago; Market Square, the Suites at Market Square, Hamilton Market, Plaza Suites, Furniture Plaza and the National Furniture Mart in High Point, N.C.; the Architects & Designers Building and 7 W New York in New York; the Boston Design Center in Boston; the L.A. Mart in Los Angeles; and the Washington Design Center and Federal Center Southwest in Washington D.C.

Vornado Realty Trust, owner of MMPI, based in New York City, is a fully integrated real estate investment trust. Vornado's common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and are traded under the symbol VNO.

#### ABOUT WINE SPECTATOR

Wine Spectator is the world's largest-circulation wine publication. Our experienced tasters review more than 18,000 wines each year, providing authoritative guidance about rare collectibles and great values. Beyond the ratings, Wine Spectator puts wine in context, offering news and analysis, comprehensive travel and dining guides, advice for collectors, wine-matching menus, and more. No other publication covers the entire world of wine.

#### ABOUT THE RESPIRATORY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO (RHAMC)

The Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago (RHAMC) has been a local public health leader since 1906. From its early crusade against tuberculosis to today's groundbreaking research and educational programs, RHAMC is improving the lives of one million local residents affected by lung cancer, COPD, asthma, and other lung diseases. Known previously as American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago, RHAMC ended its affiliation with American Lung Association on July 1, 2007, and now operates as an independent lung health charity with a local board of directors. Visit [www.lungchicago.org](http://www.lungchicago.org) for more information.

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