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**GALENA CELLARS represents Illinois--Barack Obama's home state--
at OYA Restaurant in Washington D.C.**

Galena Cellars and Lynfred Winery were chosen from more than seventy wineries in Illinois to represent the presidential hopeful's home state.

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Road to the 'Wine House' at OYA Restaurant & Lounge

[July 7, 2008--Washington, D.C.] With the political conventions fast approaching and the nominees already 'presumptive,' OYA Restaurant & Lounge presents a **Road to the Wine House** to celebrate the 2008 Presidential Campaign. The restaurant will offer wines from the candidates' home states featuring wines from Arizona (McCain) and Illinois (Obama).

Director of Wine Marketing & Sommelier, Andrew Stover, has selected an eclectic group of regional vintages to showcase each area to its best advantage. "People certainly don't think of Illinois and Arizona when it comes to fine wine", says Stover. "Illinois has over 70 wineries and has been producing wine since the late 1700s. Arizona's wine industry is on a much smaller scale with only 20 or so wineries but with the recent arrival of Dick Erath of Oregon fame, Arizona wines could be on the national stage in the coming years-making it a serious contender.



Featured wines include:

Lynfred Winery Seyval Blanc 2007, Southern Illinois

A rockin' Sauv Blanc meets Riesling styled white made from a French-American hybrid grape. Notes of gooseberry, lychee and exotic tropical fruit with a slightly sweet finish.

Callaghan Vineyards 'Lisa's' 2006, Sonoita, Southeastern Arizona

A luscious white blend of Viognier, Riesling, Malvasia, Marsanne and Roussanne-loads of tropical fruit notes, apricot, mango, white peach and honeysuckle, rich and smooth.

Galena Cellars 'Eric the Red' Marechal Foch 2006, Illinois

Marechal Foch is a French-American hybrid grape that produces wines similar to Pinot Noir. Aromas of ripe black cherry, floral and violet notes, hint of earth, smooth and easy drinking.

Dos Cabezas Wineworks 'DC Red' Cabernet/Sangiovese/Grenache 2004, Cochise County, Southeastern Arizona

The DC stands for Dos Cabezas but we like to think it means District of Columbia-smoky raspberry and dark cherry aromas, spice and truffle notes, smooth and silky, medium bodied.

Dos Cabezas Wineworks 'El Norte' Grenache/Syrah/Mourvèdre 2005, Cochise County, Southeastern Arizona

Light and spicy red blend with cranberry and cherry notes, cinnamon spice and tobacco, silk finish.

Callaghan Vineyards 'Junior' 2005, Sonoita, Southeastern Arizona

A juicy red blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah-bursting with ripe strawberry, cherry and plum aromas with a hint of earth and spice, velvety finish, medium/full bodied.

Galena Cellars Frontenac 2006, Illinois

Very similar to Cabernet Franc or Merlot, this Frontenac exhibits pepper and spice with loads of rich black fruits-plum, cassis, black cherry with a touch of vanilla spice, smooth and silky, medium/full bodied.

Callaghan Vineyards 'Caitlin's' 2004, Sonoita, Southeastern Arizona

A rich red blend of Petit Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc-intoxicating aromas of black pepper and cinnamon mixed with plum and cassis, smooth and rich, full bodied.

An informal poll of guests thus far shows a slight lead by the Lynfred Seyval Blanc, an Illinois favorite. The Dos Cabezas 'DC Red' is also showing well, with guests commenting on its earthy, old world flavor profile.

The *Road to the Wine House* selections will be featured by the glass and bottle until the Presidential Election in November.



OYA Restaurant & Lounge is located in the hip Penn Quarter Neighborhood of downtown Washington, D.C. OYA serves an innovative menu that blends the best of Asian ingredients and French techniques in a beautifully theatrical designed space.

This Errol Lawrence and Nancy Koide designed space features a 2.5 ton chain curtain, 20-foot long waterfall that separates the dining room from the kitchen, 12 foot long fireplace in the main dining room, red crocodile bar with white marble fireplace and cozy lounge areas with ultra-comfortable high-backed white banquettes. Fun cocktails abound. OYA is also available for private functions.

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Proud to offer more than 40 distinct, award-winning and nationally recognized varieties, Galena Cellars wine has been perfected through more than 30 years of experience by master winemaker Christine Lawlor-White, who was recently voted 2008 Illinois Winemaker of the Year.

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