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World-Renowned Wine and Food Expert Brings Knowledge to Tremont Grand

On Thursday, August 18, Jerry Comfort, Culinary Director for Beringer Blass Wine Estates, will grant the Tremont Grand a visit. During his day at the Tremont Grand, Comfort will tour the facility, as well as educate and demonstrate to the Tremont culinary staff, how to pair wine and food so that the high standards of the Tremont are maintained in their newest facility.

As a wine and food pairing expert, Comfort has conducted wine and food seminars in some of the most prestigious locations, including Viniexpo in Finland and Japan, Prowein in Germany, L'Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne in Switzerland, and the Culinary Institute of America in both New York and Napa Valley. His culinary 'instinct' developed through years of experience tasting different wines and foods and using his collected knowledge to recall what worked and what didn't, later in the kitchen.

The years of accumulated knowledge led him to develop Beringer's Progressive Wine and Cheese Pairing Wheel and Guide – a tool to help illustrate the basic principles behind successful wine and cheese pairings, offering insights into why they work and suggestions on which cheeses to serve with various styles of wine. Comfort's knowledge and his take on interpreting dishes through the four basic flavors – salty, sweet, sour and savory – has made it easier for connoisseurs and laymen alike to choose a correct wine with particular types of food.

The Tremont Grand, formerly the Grand Lodge of Maryland Masonic Temple, set to open in the Fall of 2005 as a premier conference and reception facility, is excited to be given this opportunity by Jerry Comfort. The day's events will be held in the renovated bank vault of the former Masonic lodge, which has been retrofitted into a tasting room. The Tremont Grand will feature the wines of Beringer Blass Wine Estates.

After undergoing an extensive renovation, the Tremont Grand integrates state-of-the-art technology with 19th Century architectural elegance. With 5 floors and over 45,000 square feet of meeting and reception space, the Tremont Grand is intent upon becoming Baltimore's premier site for business and social events.

Other Tremont properties:

Tremont Plaza Hotel

The Tremont Plaza Hotel, Baltimore's largest full-service, all-suite hotel, is located minutes from the Inner Harbor and Charles Street. Its convenient city center location situates the Plaza in the heart of the city's business, cultural, historic, entertainment and shopping districts. A skywalk connects the Plaza with the soon-to-debut Tremont Grand. Whether traveling for business or pleasure, its refined and sophisticated atmosphere makes for the perfect visit to Baltimore.

Tremont Park Hotel

Baltimore's first all-suite hotel, the Tremont Park Hotel, offers affordable luxury in a quiet setting. The 58-suite hotel, just steps off of Historic Charles Street, is located in Baltimore's historic and business districts, and is within walking distance to the Inner Harbor, the Baltimore Convention Center and the theater and restaurant districts.

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