



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **20/20 Charity Wine Tasting to Benefit LearningWorks**

### *Tasting on September 19 to Highlight Unsung Stars of California*

**WHAT:** Relax at the Snow Squall Restaurant in South Portland on Sunday, September 19 to enjoy 20 Californian wines for \$20. Proceeds will benefit LearningWorks.

**WHERE:** The Snow Squall Restaurant, 18 Ocean Street, South Portland

**WHEN:** 3:00-6:00 PM, Sunday, September 19

**COST:** \$20 to taste 20 wines

**WHO:** Open to the public

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Even though the California wine scene is rife with innovation and produces a diverse range of wines the wine industry is dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Merlot and most people will never be exposed to the unique, passionate offerings from many smaller producers all over the state. If you love Californian wine, come and try some amazing new wines you didn't know existed! If you hate Californian wine, come and allow us to stuff your preconceptions into a basket press and crush them.

The charity wine tasting will benefit LearningWorks' elementary school afterschool programs, which were cut by \$75,000 this summer due to an "accounting error" by the state Department of Education.

Light appetizers will be provided by the Snow Squall Restaurant, and visitors are invited to stay to dinner.

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*LearningWorks provides the best learning opportunities in Maine for at-risk youth, the immigrant community, and low-income families.*

Other programs provided by LearningWorks are:

- Youth Building Alternatives (YBA), a nationally accredited alternative high school that combines vocational training with GED attainment.
- Back on Track, a program that uses cognitive behavioral therapy to teach young people how to manage their anger and make responsible choices.
- Alternatives to Detention, a structured and supervised program focusing on therapeutic intervention and prevention for youth involved in the correctional system.
- English Language Program for new adult immigrants who need English language and cultural literacy skills.
- An after-school Learning Center serving students in grades 3-8 to provide supportive homework help and educational enrichment activities.
- The Resource Lab: an evening drop-in center for middle school students and adults to receive tutoring or help with their homework.
- An Affordable Housing program offering 50-units of renovated, comfortable family housing.

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