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Greek Winemakers take Toronto's taste buds by storm

Toronto, February 18, 2004 – Despite the fact that Greece has been producing and exporting wine for over 4,000 years, fine Greek wines are hard to find for the average Canadian consumer. In an attempt to educate Canadians about the fine wines produced in modern day Greece, four of the country's top wine makers presented their products at various industry events in Toronto last week.

The four wine makers – Gaia Winery (Yiannis Paraskevopoulos), Harlaftis Winery (Diogenis Harlaftis), InterVino (Philippe Koukis) and Kir-Yianni (Stellios Boutari) – met with members of Toronto's Greek community on Friday, February 13 at an intimate Wine Tasting Reception at Ampeli Grill & Café on Danforth Avenue, in the heart of Greektown.

Spondi Fine Wines & Spirits, a Toronto-based wine importer, hosted the event for directors, members, friends and supporters of the Hellenic Heritage Foundation. Reception guests had the opportunity to taste some extraordinary Greek wines while also learning more about modern day wine production in Greece through presentations from each of the featured estates.

Spondi Fine Wines & Spirits donated all proceeds from this event to the Hellenic Heritage Foundation, a charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to raise funds for the preservation, advancement and integration of Hellenic education, culture and heritage in Canadian society.

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