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VETERAN WINEMAKER JOINS KITTITAS VALLEY WINERY AS CONSULTANT

ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, JANUARY 10, 2011: Thrall & Dodge Winery, the Kittitas Valley's first wine estate, has hired veteran Washington viticulturist and winemaker Berle 'Rusty' Figgins, Jr to lead quality assurance efforts in both the winery and the estate vineyard south of Ellensburg.

Thrall & Dodge Winery produces a range of varietal wines crafted from both Kittitas Valley and Yakima Valley grapes, and is the oldest producer in Kittitas County's emerging wine region. It is owned and operated by long-time resident Troy Goodreau.

Mr Figgins, from Walla Walla and most recently of Ellensburg, consults on matters of quality to a number of high-profile vineyard and winery clients. He is a highly decorated winemaker whose work has been closely associated with Leonetti Cellar, Château Palmer, Amberley Estate, Lillypilly Estate, Heemskerk Estate, Pepper Bridge Vineyards, Glen Fiona Winery, Black Hills

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Estate Winery, Northstar Winery, Cave B Estate Winery, Ginkgo Forest Winery and Veranda Beach Wine Estate. Specializing in estate winemaking, his expertise in merging progressive and traditional techniques has led to his wines earning numerous awards and accolades. Figgins also operates The Ellensburg Distillery, Washington's first craft distillery to bottle fine brandy. In partnership with a noted naturopathic physician, he is co-authoring a book on the effect of moderate red wine consumption on health and longevity.

"Thrall & Dodge is thrilled to be able to access the services of such a well-seasoned wine consultant" Goodreau said, "I consider his acute sensibilities in the vineyard and winery, and his highly trained palate to be among his finest assets. A new chapter for Thrall & Dodge is now being written, and on the heels of such a stunning 2010 vintage, we are excited at the prospects and quietly confident about the future!"

Thrall & Dodge Winery, founded in 2005, is located south of Ellensburg proper at the juncture of Thrall and Dodge Roads in the Edgemont area, long known for high-quality fruit production. At an elevation exceeding 1500 feet above sea level, the boutique wine estate enjoys a regional view looking out toward the Kittitas Valley and Mount Stuart beyond.

For more information about the Kittitas Valley's emergence as a wine region, visit the following Web sites:

www.ThrallWinery.com

www.KittitasValleyVintners.org