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Keeping History Alive Historic Allison House Re-opens as Market

Kelowna, BC, June 8, 2009- Historic Allison House at Quails' Gate Winery re-opens with traditions of family warmth and impeccable hospitality, as a cozy home for local artisan's works and picnic lunches.

"Allison House is rich in history," commented Quails' Gate CEO and Proprietor Tony Stewart. "Built in 1873, this small log cabin was home to the earliest European settlers in this area, John and Susan Allison who made it their home until 1881. Our family has kept their pioneering story alive for the last twenty years by sharing it with visitors to Quails' Gate. Our hope is that Allison House will now serve as a showcase venue of the Okanagan, past and present."

The Allisons, whose ranching life in Princeton, BC found them driving their herd to the Okanagan for winter grazing, settled onto what Susan Allison referred to as "Sunnyside", on the western shores of Lake Okanagan at the base of Mount Boucherie. They built and lived in the Allison Homestead until 1881 at which time the property was sold to John Davidson. The property changed hands a few more times throughout the 1900s and in 1969 Richard Stewart (who purchased the adjoining lands in 1956) purchased the homestead.

On June 10, 2009, Allison House, which was formerly the Quails' Gate wineshop from 1990 - 2006, will officially re-open as the new Allison House Market. "At Quails' Gate we constantly strive for ways to enhance our guests experience." said Angela McManus, Director of Marketing "We hope that visitors will enjoy browsing historic Allison House Market to discover the works of local artists, collect books on local history and touring and perhaps pick up a chilled bottle of wine and picnic lunch to enjoy under the shade of the towering Acacia trees which were planted by Susan Allison in the late 1800s."

Local artists and artisan works currently on display at the Allison House Market include Annabel Stanley (vineyard weaving), Linda Lovisa (painting), Judy Pedersen (photography), Teri Paul (pottery) and the Okanagan Lavender Herb Farm. Allison House Market, which is also the starting point for Quails' Gate's daily tours, will be open daily from 10 am – 5 pm, June-October.

Quails' Gate Estate Winery is nestled in the beautiful Okanagan Valley. Our 125-acre Estate vineyard, located on the shores of Lake Okanagan, is owned and operated by the Stewart Family, pioneering horticulturists in the Okanagan for 100 years. We invite you to visit us daily, year round in the Wineshop and Old Vines Restaurant for a unique taste of the Okanagan. www.quailsgate.com

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