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Quails' Gate Breaks Ground on Winery Enhancement Plan

Kelowna, BC (February 10, 2005) - The award-winning Quails' Gate Estate Winery has commenced construction on the first of three stages in their \$4.5 million winery enhancement plan and the public is invited to contact the winery for more information on the project. Named *British Columbia Winery of the Year 2004* by Wine Press Northwest, Quails' Gate is a strong proponent of culinary tourism in the Okanagan and considers the enhancement a long-term investment into the area's current wine tourism product offering.

The focus of the enhancement is on increasing the quality of wine as well as the visitor experience rather than on increasing the quantity of wine produced by Quails' Gate. During construction Quails' Gate will remain open for tastings and vineyard tours. "We are extremely excited to be embarking upon this highly anticipated enhancement at Quails' Gate," said CEO & Proprietor, Tony Stewart. "The initial motivation behind this extensive project was our commitment to both the quality of our wines and providing the best experience possible for winery guests. Now we also realize the contribution this makes to local tourism efforts to put the Okanagan on the "map" as an outstanding culinary tourism experience within North America."

A new 10,000 square foot storage and bottling building will supply the 40,000 cases of wine produced annually at Quails' Gate with a superior storage facility and ensure the quality of these wines remain in tact as they age.

A new wine shop will serve visitors with an expanded tasting area and a separate space for special wine and educational services providing a range of opportunities including wine seminars, private group tours and lessons, and wine pairing and cooking classes. The Quails' Gate winery restaurant, The Old Vines Patio Restaurant, will also receive extensive kitchen upgrades and an indoor eating area will be added to the already popular patio that overlooks the vineyards and Lake Okanagan.

The historic stone and wood cottage that is the former Allison family homestead and current Quails' Gate wine shop, will continue to provide space for reserve wine tastings and for private meetings and events. The three components of the enhancement are expected to be complete by spring 2006.

Quails' Gate Estate Winery, located in the heart of the Okanagan Valley, is a family owned estate winery and has been producing wines since 1989. The Stewart family has been involved in the Okanagan wine industry for over 50 years. Named *British Columbia Winery of the Year for 2004* by Wine Press Northwest, it consistently wins awards for the quality of its wines and is perhaps best known for its Family Reserve Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Open year round to visitors, the winery prides itself on its tasting room and personalized, hands on tours. For more information please visit www.quailsgate.com or phone 1-800-420-WINE (9463).