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TASTE! 2012 ULTIMATE WINE AND DINE EVENT SHOWCASES 40 TOP CHEFS, 100 SPEICALTY BEERS AND 300 WINES

Andrew Zimmern to Headline Two -Day Event with Book Signing and Chef Demo

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MINNEAPOLIS (September 5, 20012) – Culinary enthusiasts and wine aficionados will sample the best in local cuisine, and tip their wine glasses with some of Twin Cities most recognizable names in the food and wine world, including Minnesota's own Andrew Zimmern, *Taste! 2012 Mpls.St. Paul's Ultimate Wine & Dine is a* two-day event, co-produced by *Mpls.St.Paul Magazine* and Johnson Brother's Liquor Company takes place Friday, September 28 and Saturday, Sept. 29 at the TCF Bank Stadium on the University of Minnesota Campus.

The event will feature more than 300 wines and champagnes along with 100 specialty beers and food samplings from more than 40 top restaurants. The event will benefit the University of Minnesota Athletics and the Midway Chamber of Commerce/Green Line.

Friday, September 28 will offer both general and VIP admission and will feature a special presentation by Andrew Zimmern, host of Travel Channel's "Bizarre Foods" Guests may also take self-guided tours of the Gopher Athletics Hall of Fame, and football locker room while sampling a variety of wines and specialty beers.

Saturday, September 29 will feature a lineup of chef demos from well-known local chefs including Le Cordon Bleu Master Chef, Russell Klien of Meritage and a special stop by Andrew Zimmern's new food truck. In addition, Mpls St. Paul's food editor Stephanie March will host a live broadcast of My Talk's "Weekly Dish" with her co-host Stephanie Hanson and Mpls St. Paul's senior editor Dara Moskowitz Grumdahl will host a book signing and wine tasting.

Tickets for the event range from \$65 -\$85 and can be purchased at www.mspmag/com/taste

What: Taste! 2012 Mpls.St. Paul's Ultimate Wine & Dine

When: Friday, September 28 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, September 29 Noon -3 p.m.

Where: TCF Bank Stadium

University of Minnesota Campus

Tickets: \$85 – VIP admission (includes xxx) – Friday, September 28

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\$75 – Taste! Ultimate Wine and Dine event – Saturday, September 29

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