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## **THE 2002 BILTMORE GREAT SOUTH FLORIDA WINE FESTIVAL TO TAKE PLACE APRIL 12-14**

**Coral Gables, FL** (February 11, 2002) - The 2002 Biltmore Great South Florida Wine Festival will kick off a weekend of food and wine tasting, black-tie dinners and culinary demonstrations at the historic Biltmore Hotel on April 12-14. Now in its seventh edition, the event has grown into South Florida's largest three-day charity food and wine festival, featuring the country's premier wineries and culinary celebrities. All festival proceeds will go to United Way of Miami-Dade and Baptist and South Miami Hospital Foundations.

"Last year, the event raised over \$1 million to benefit our charity partners and welcomed 3,500 attendees," said Yvonne Roberts, director of the Cellar Club at the Biltmore Hotel.

The festival, ranked among the top six wine events in the country by the September 2001 issue of *The Wine Spectator*, is also one of South Florida's leading lifestyle events. "The festival's high profile makes it one of the most vibrant social events in the Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach county area. This year, the event will welcome 50 top-flight wineries," said Lyn Farmer, the festival's executive director.

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