

## NEWS RELEASE

**Event:** Oasis brothers bring best wine to the feast.

**Venue:** Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, Ireland.

**Date:** 7/6/2013

Liam and Noel Gallagher are credited with a prize-winning wine being available for the Gallagher family get-together in Ireland in September next. Following a story appearing in the Australian media about the brothers being invited to join singer/songwriter Benny Gallagher (of Gallagher & Lyle fame) and other Gallaghers at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gallagher Global Gathering, an Australian vineyard has offered to supply their prize-winning Gallagher's Choice wine for the Gallagher Global Award Gala Dinner.

The Gallagher Gathering, which will be based in Gortahork, Co. Donegal from the 6 - 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013, will see local communities along Donegal's north and west coast celebrate their Gallagher and Donegal heritage and in so doing, welcome both local and visiting Gallaghers to join with them in events to celebrate that heritage.

Among those coming will be Benny Gallagher, who is hoping to have his best "breakaway" ever - to come back to his Gallagher ancestral roots in Co. Donegal, Ireland and perform for his many Gallagher "cousins" who will be attending. He will also hold a songwriters workshop. No doubt the many Gallaghers and others who have tried their hand at song-writing or wish to do so, will be delighted to get the opportunity to pick up a few tricks from the expert that is Benny. Liam and Noel are among those invited but the organisers were not willing to comment on whether they were definitely coming or not. Either way there will be plenty of music, fun and more.

The Gallagher Global Award is to be presented during a gala dinner to a Gallagher of high achievement in any area of life - business, entertainment, the arts, broadcasting, charity, community leadership, politics etc.. Nominations are requested to be sent to [2013@gallagherclan.org](mailto:2013@gallagherclan.org) before 6th August 2013.

Woody Nook Wines, Margaret River, Western Australia, is a family owned and operated winery, established in 1982 by Jeff and Wynn Gallagher. Jane and Peter Bailey purchased the property from the Gallaghers in 2000 but the Gallaghers' son, Neil, stayed on as the winemaker/viticulturist. The flagship wine – a Cabernet Sauvignon - had been called 'Gallagher's Choice' from the outset and this tradition has been maintained.

Says Jane "I was thumbing through the West Australian newspaper on Saturday morning, March 16, spotted the headline 'Rock duo offered oasis of calm' with a photo of Liam and Noel Gallagher and read the story of the Gallagher Global Gathering taking place in September.

Before I had finished reading the article, I had said to myself 'Oh my goodness - 'Gallagher's Choice' - wouldn't that be the most perfect wine for the occasion.' In 2009 the 2007 vintage of this wine won the trophy at the International Wine & Spirit Competition in London for the best Cabernet Sauvignon, arguably the most prestigious wine award in the world. More recent vintages have continued to gain further honours.

The Baileys made an offer to the organisers of a magnum of 'Gallagher's Choice' Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 to be presented to the winner of the Gallagher Global Award. This magnum is one of a limited edition of 332, numbered and signed by Neil Gallagher, the winemaker. It is planned that further supplies of Gallagher's Choice will be available during the Gallagher Global Gathering.

Today during the couple's first visit to Donegal, they presented the Gallagher's Choice wine to the event organisers at the Station House Hotel, Letterkenny, a Gallagher owned hotel, which was the headquarters of the 1<sup>st</sup> Gallagher Global Gathering, which took place in 2007. Accepting the wine, Brian Gallagher said: "We are very grateful for Jane and Peter's thoughtfulness and benevolence in presenting us with this wine. It is a fitting symbol of the benefit that our emigrants and their descendants have brought to the countries in which they settle, through their hard work and efforts. It also reflects the benefit we here in Ireland can gain from that same diaspora. It symbolises the strengthening of ties that organisations such as the Gallagher Clan can bring about and foster through their daily efforts to reach out to the diaspora, as well as through major events such as the Gallagher Global Gathering". Peter Bailey added: "We are delighted to be in the Gallagher homeland, to experience the hospitality of the people and see the great beauty of the countryside. As someone with an Irish grandmother, I can appreciate the strong ties that remain between descendants of Irish emigrants and Ireland. I hope this wine will help celebrate those ties during the Gallagher Gathering".

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