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**Snoqualmie Valley Farms Photo Exhibit Opens September 20th
at Novelty Hill - Januik Winery in Woodinville
with Party to Benefit Stewardship Partners and Salmon Safe**

Seattle, Wash., August 21, 2009 "Agriculture on the Urban Fringe: Farming and Conservation in the Snoqualmie Valley" a photo exhibit by Roddy Scheer, will open at Novelty Hill - Januik Winery in Woodinville on Sunday, September 20th with a kick-off party from 5 - 8 p.m. The celebration is part of the ten-year anniversary of Stewardship Partners, a local organization that promotes environmental farming practices and collaborative conservation with private landowners.

The evening festivities will include music, guided tours by the photographer and tasting stations featuring food and wine pairings from local 'Salmon-Safe' farms and vineyards that protect water quality and fish and wildlife habitat. Tickets to the event are \$35 and may be purchased by contacting Nikki Dunbar at Novelty Hill-Januik at 425-481-5502, x104.

The photo exhibit documents the Snoqualmie Valley as a model for sustainable agriculture. It showcases local famers providing healthy food for the nearby urban population center of Seattle and their efforts to restore fish and wildlife habitat. The exhibit will be on display at the winery through November 1, 2009.

Stewardship Partners has been working in the Snoqualmie Valley for six years, helping local farmers protect and restore the environment while marketing their farm products with the Salmon-Safe label. The mission of Stewardship Partners is to help private landowners implement environmental land management and habitat restoration while promoting a sustainable economy. They administer the Salmon-Safe eco-label for farms and vineyards that protect water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Novelty Hill's estate vineyard, Stillwater Creek, was the first Columbia Valley vineyard certified "Salmon-Safe" in 2007.

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