



## **Eritage Resort to Open in Walla Walla July 2018**

*Intimate luxury lodging and dining in Washington wine country*

**Walla Walla, WA - May 17, 2018** - Eritage Resort will open in the heart of Washington wine and farming country in July 2018. Eritage Resort is a tribute to the history, beauty and warmth of Washington's farms and vineyards. The first phase will include 10 luxury suites and a restaurant menu created by James Beard award-winning chef Jason Wilson featuring locally grown ingredients and Washington wines. In late 2018, phase two will open with new lakeside villas and a pool and pool house. Eritage is owned by Justin Wylie, owner and winemaker of Va Piano Vineyards, development management is provided by Scott Knox of Bend Development Group and Fire & Vine Hospitality is responsible for resort services, dining and operations.

"As a fourth generation Walla Walla native, this place is part of me," said Justin Wylie, owner, Eritage Resort and owner/winemaker, Va Piano Vineyards. "The north side of town is a big part of this region's future and I acquired this land in 2007 because it offers incredible natural beauty, accessibility to all that Walla Walla has to offer and a huge opportunity to create a vineyard oasis. We have been growing a variety of fruit here for the last few years and look forward to the creation of some very special wines."

Beautifully nestled on 300 acres in the rolling fields of wheat and vineyards of Washington wine country, Eritage is only minutes from downtown Walla Walla and its regional airport. Each suite opens to a patio or deck with expansive views of the Blue Mountains, rolling farmland and a pristine man-made lake. This intimate luxury property is designed to provide guests with an unparalleled Washington wine country experience with exceptional lodging and cuisine, as well as exclusive access to unique events and services.

"Walla Walla presents a unique opportunity for a project like Eritage because it has an ideal mix of different elements all coming together in one really special place," said Scott Knox, owner, The Bend Development Group. "This town has such a rich identity and history of

agriculture, education and winemaking. Our team is dedicated to being responsible about building and creating something that truly honors that.”

### **Eritage Resort: Washington Wine Country’s Luxury Experience**

“It is an honor to be part of creating Eritage and our role is to bring Justin Wylie’s vision and Scott Knox’s hard work to life,” said Chad Mackay, president and CEO, Fire & Vine Hospitality. “A beautiful foundation was set for us to come in and create an exceptional guest experience that we hope people will enjoy again and again, whether they come from Walla Walla, the Pacific Northwest or around the world.”

Chef Jason Wilson is developing the resort’s restaurant menu to reflect the history of area and honor the providers of locally curated ingredients including regionally grown produce, meats and game, dairy and other artisan products.

“We will embrace a craftsman’s approach to cooking, using live fire as a medium and looking for the best ways to highlight the highest quality ingredients that speak to the region,” said Chef Jason Wilson, culinary director, Fire & Vine Hospitality, and chef/owner, Miller’s Guild, The Lakehouse and Civility & Unrest. “Eritage will feature a simple, approachable and deliciously focused menu that embraces the heritage of Walla Walla and tradition of modern American cooking.”

### ***About Eritage Wine Resort and Spa***

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