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24 Scandinavian wine and spirit producers already registered for the BKWine Scandinavian Wine Fair and Scandinavian Wine & Spirit Competition in Paris on February 11, 2006

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Already two months before the event, 24 Scandinavian wine and spirit producers have registered for the BKWine Scandinavian Wine Fair in Paris and the Wine & Spirit Competition. The 24 producers come from Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland. They make wine and spirits in 7 different countries around the world, both in Scandinavia and in more “traditional” wine countries. The Scandinavian Wine Fair will take place on February 11, 2006, 11.00-18.00 (11AM to 6PM) at the Swedish Club in Paris on 242 rue Rivoli, next to the Louvre Museum. The wine fair is open both to professionals and to wine enthusiasts from the public. Full information is available on the web site http://www.bkwine.com/international/in_english.htm.

Britt Karlsson, the organiser of the fair, says: “It is wonderful to already have so many participants. We have had a great response from the wine makers. Since we are still two months away from the event I think we will have a record number of exhibitors this time! In particular, I am glad to see that so many new producers have already signed up to the show. We know of just over one hundred Scandinavian producers around the world and it’s amazing that a third of those will participate in the Wine Fair!”

Britt continues on the Wine & Spirits Competition: “This will be very exciting. It is a world’s first: a competition for ‘Scandinavian’ wines and spirits. We will have a jury of international wine experts who will judge the wines and the best will of course be awarded medals.”

All Scandinavian countries, except Iceland, are represented: 6 Norwegian producers, 9 Swedish producers, 3 Finnish producers and 6 Danish.

The wines and spirits that will be presented are produced in 7 different countries: France, Spain, Germany, Sweden, Hungary, the United States, and Bulgaria.

Britt comments: “I am particularly glad to see more Finnish and Norwegian producers this year. Last time the Wine Fair was a bit dominated by Denmark and Sweden. And I think we will get a few more producer countries on the list before 11 February – maybe Italy, Portugal, Denmark, Chile,…”

Here is the list of the currently registered exhibitors at the Scandinavian Wine Fair:

Producer	Region	”Country of Origin”
Birkedal-Hartman	Cognac, France	Norway
Château K	Bergerac, France	Norway
Rey Fernando de Castilla	Sherry, Jerez, Spain	Norway
Georg Breuer	Rheingau, Germany	Sweden
Profils Bordeaux	Bordeaux, France	Norway
Château Carsin	Bordeaux, France	Finland

Château Lecusse	Gaillac, France	Denmark
Gute Vineyard	Gotland, Sweden	Sweden
Vinmand	France	Denmark
Cellier des Dominicains	Collioure, Roussillon, France	Sweden
Château Champcenez	Bordeaux, France	Denmark
Château Peyriac de Mer	Languedoc, France	Denmark
Domaine Gachot-Monot	Bourgogne, France	Denmark
Abbaye de Ste-Radegonde	Muscadet, Loire, France	Finland
Château Clarettes-Domaine du Saint Esprit	Provence, France	Sweden
Finca La Molineta	Spain	Finland
Château de Costis	Bordeaux, France	Sweden
Jenssen Cognac	Cognac, France	Norway
Domaine Pialentou	Gaillac, France	Sweden
Nangijala Vineyard	Skåne, Sweden	Sweden
Villa Sandahl	Hungary	Sweden
Château Raissac	Languedoc, France	Norway
Château Kirwan	Margaux, Bordeaux, France	Denmark
Lars Torstensson (Domaine Rabiega, Hedges Family Vineyard, Vinzavod Assenovgrad)	Provence, France; USA; Bulgaria	Sweden

Louise Agerman, director of the Swedish Club in Paris and co-organiser of the Wine Fair, comments: "It looks like a very exciting and varied bunch of producers. From well known names and famous chateaux, like Château Kirwan in Bordeaux and Lars Torstensson in Provence, to lesser known producers like for example Château K in Bergerac or Villa Sandahl in Hungary."

More information about the 3rd BKWine Scandinavian Wine Fair in Paris and the 1st Scandinavian Wine & Spirit Competition is available on the Wine Fair web site: <http://www.bkwine.com/winefair/winefair-2006.htm>. It also has a continually updated list of exhibitors.

Note:

BKWine also organises wine tours, http://www.bkwine.com/wine_tours/wine_tours.htm, and does wine writing and photography, http://www.bkwine.com/bkwine_brief/bkwine_brief.htm.

More information about the Scandinavian Wine Fair in Paris is available on <http://www.bkwine.com/winefair/winefair.htm>.

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BKWine is managed by Britt Karlsson, a Swede living in Paris. She is one of the few Swedes working internationally with wine education and wine journalism and is also a very experienced organiser of wine tours. She started her business in the early 1990s and focuses on France. Since 1995 she publishes a private newsletter called “VinNytt” with articles on wine. The same year she launched one of the first Scandinavian wine web sites: www.bkwine.com, which is now bilingual (English-Swedish). She also publishes an email newsletter – the BKWine Brief – which in a short time has grown to become one of the largest newsletters in Scandinavia and among expatriates. “The Brief” is also available in English – for free. Britt is completely independent of wine producers and of the wine trade. She is a member of the British Circle of Wine Writers, the International Wine and Food Society and numerous other wine and gastronomic organisations.

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The Cercle Suédois was founded in 1891 and is a meeting point for Swedes and other Scandinavians living in Paris. The Club is housed in a prestigious building overlooking the Louvre and Tuileries gardens. The Club organises cultural and business events, debates on current issues, as well as more social gatherings. The Club also has a restaurant, Le Restaurant Rivoli, managed by Kajsa von Sydow. They serve both Scandinavian specialities and Franco-Scandinavian creations, with wines chosen in collaboration with Britt Karlsson/BKWine.