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## HOUSTON BREAKS OUT THE BUBBLY

### Another Round for Tour de Champagne

Houston (March 25, 2008) – Last year's Tour de Champagne Houston was such a hit with local wine lovers that the event is back for round two! This spring, Tour de Champagne will once again bring together champagne from more than 20 prestigious champagne houses, cuisine from some of the city's most talented chefs and entertainment such as chef demonstrations and live music. It all takes place at the Hotel Derek on May 30. During the evening, guests will also have a chance to peruse a silent auction, which will benefit the French-American Scholarship Fund, and have a chance to win a trip for two to Paris compliments of Air France. VIP ticket holders can stay for the Fin de Soirée – Après Party, which features more champagne, snifters of Peyrot Cognac and a chocolate and dessert buffet bar from Chocolate Designs and Hotel Derek.

**WHAT:** In 2007, Tour de Champagne popped into Houston on its national tour. Since last spring, the event also stopped in Chicago, Atlanta, Washington D.C. and Boston. In each city, the event joins forces with top local restaurants and chefs to create an unmatched champagne tasting experience.

Restaurants participating in the 2008 Houston Tour de Champagne will be announced soon. Visit [www.tourdechampagne.com](http://www.tourdechampagne.com) for the most current information. Bringing chefs and sommeliers together from Houston's finest restaurants promises to be the culinary treat of 2008.

**WHEN:** Friday, May 30, 2008  
7 to 10 p.m. Tour de Champagne  
9:30 – midnight Fin de Soirée – Après Party

Dress – cocktail attire/black tie optional  
Tour de Champagne attendees must be 21 and older.

#### Tickets:

Limited General Admission \$115

All-inclusive tickets include: tastes of excellent champagnes, samples from Houston's finest restaurants, entertainment and silent auction.

Extremely Limited VIP entrance \$150

VIP tickets also include Fin de Soirée – Après Party.

**WHERE:** Hotel Derek  
2525 West Loop South

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**CHARITY:** The French American Scholarship Fund desires to award Study Abroad Scholarships to Houston area college students who have excelled in their French language studies, are majoring in a Business, International Relations, or Engineering field of study, and are seeking to Study Abroad in France. The FASF has also developed a Youth Program which awards Freshman Year Merit Scholarships to several of Greater Houston's most gifted High School French students. Visit [www.faccscholar.com](http://www.faccscholar.com) for more information.