

## John Ash & Co. Restaurant Celebrates 35 Years of Wine Country Cuisine

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### *Revered Santa Rosa Restaurant Presents Anniversary Three-Course Tasting Menu for \$35 August 10-15*

July 30, 2015; (SANTA ROSA, Calif.)—John Ash & Co., the restaurant where wine country cuisine was born, celebrates its 35th anniversary this August by offering a special three-course chef's tasting menu available nightly August 10-15 for \$35. Executive Chef Thomas Schmidt will collaborate with founding chef John Ash to present a week of special menus from the restaurant's archives, highlighting local seasonal food with an eye to pairing with wine. John Ash & Co. is also celebrating being named the Press Democrat's Best Restaurant for a Romantic Meal 2015, its second consecutive win.

To kick off the anniversary week, Chef John Ash will be present at an invite-only reunion party on Sunday, August 9 that will bring together long-time supporters, former employees, press and friends of Ash and owners Don and Rhonda Carano.

Diners can experience the prix fixe menu anytime from August 10 through 15; reservations are recommended and can be made by calling (707) 527-7687 or visiting <http://www.vintnersinn.com/dining.asp>. Highlights of the special menu include:

- Lobster, Corn and Wild Mushroom Risotto with carrot-corn broth
- Orecchiette Pasta with Tiger Prawns and Asparagus, brie cream sauce, sun-dried tomato pesto and deep-fried capers
- Venison Loin in blackberry sage sauce

### History

Today, farm-to-table wine-focused dining is abundant in Sonoma County and throughout the nation; but when John Ash & Co. opened in 1980, the concept was revolutionary. Though Chef Ash sold the restaurant to the Caranos in 2000, his legacy lives on through Chef Schmidt, who designs seasonal menus of inspired

regional California cuisine, sourcing local produce from right outside the restaurant steps in the on-site culinary garden. Beverage Director and Certified Sommelier Brandon Schrey heads a wine program that emphasizes northern California wines to complement the food.

The Caranos' passion for food, wine and hospitality has continued to foster the tradition of excellence at John Ash & Co. In 2005, they added the elegant Front Room Bar and Lounge designed by renowned San Francisco restaurant designer Paul Kuleto, which instantly became a favorite happy hour destination for locals and visitors alike. In July 2015, it was awarded an honorable mention for Best Happy Hour in the Press Democrat's Best of Sonoma County contest.

#### About John Ash & Co. Restaurant

Helmed by veteran chef, Tom Schmidt, John Ash & Co. restaurant is one of Sonoma County's premier dining venues, featuring a seasonal menu built around local, sustainable ingredients, many of which are grown in the on-site culinary garden. With a lively bar scene, welcoming sun porch, and the region's only "all season" terrace nestled amidst the estate's vineyards and gardens, John Ash & Co. is classic wine country dining at its best. The restaurant is located on the Vintners Inn estate at 4330 Barnes Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95403; for information and reservations, visit <http://www.vintnersinn.com/johnash.asp> or call (707) 527-7687.

John Ash & Co. Restaurant and Vintners Inn are part of the Ferrari-Carano family of brands.

#### About Ferrari-Carano

Founded initially as a small wine farm in 1981 by hospitality-industry pioneers Don and Rhonda Carano, the Ferrari-Carano family of brands now comprises the very best in hospitality, wine and food experiences in California's North Bay region. The portfolio comprises destination wineries in Sonoma (Ferrari-Carano Vineyards and Winery) and Mendocino (Lazy Creek Vineyards) counties; three wine production facilities; more than 20 estate-owned vineyards spanning nearly 2,000 acres across three counties; the 44-room Vintners Inn and John Ash & Co. Restaurant; and Seasons of the Vineyard Tasting Bar & Boutique in Healdsburg. Ferrari-Carano is one of the region's leaders, setting the bar for the highest standard in hospitality, wine quality and sustainability.

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