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Construction Advances on Oregon Wine Country's First Luxury Inn & Spa *The Allison's model room makes debut*

NEWBERG, Ore.—A clear vision of Oregon wine country's first luxury inn and spa is quickly developing as all four levels of the 155,000-square-foot building move into the advanced construction phase.

The Allison Inn & Spa (www.TheAllison.com), scheduled to open in August 2009, is generating widespread interest from oenophiles and other visitors to the lush Yamhill Valley. In addition, overnight guests, conference, event and wedding planners are marking their calendars in anticipation of the inn's opening just prior to next fall's wine crush.

Alan Grainger, principal for Seattle architecture firm GGLO said, "The Allison is timeless in design and built to last 100 years."

"We took inspiration from the land in the valley and the inn's 35-acre site, which is a gently rising, south-sloping hill affording views toward the mountains and the Oregon Coast range, as well as a vision for a building nestled into new vineyards and gardens on the property," he continued.



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The Allison is the largest luxury development in the entire Willamette Valley wine region, running from the Eugene area past the hills of Dundee to the north a distance of about 100 miles.

On Sept. 25, area media were welcomed by The Allison's owner, Joan Austin, who said "This is my dream coming to life. The Allison is a tribute to the seven generations of the Austin family who tilled the soil, planted and harvested crops in this valley." Interior designer Carol Schaefer also of GGLO, toured guests through one of the most anticipated of the inn's components—a fully built-out and sumptuously furnished model room.

The guestroom on display, at nearly 500 square feet, is representative of the inn's 53 Deluxe King rooms. The Allison also will offer guests a choice of 12 Deluxe Queen rooms, 12 Junior Suites, 7 One-Bedroom Suites and one Two-Bedroom Grande Suite with nearly 1,600 square feet of luxurious space.

The guestroom interiors will be a study in light and dark contrasting woods, fabrics and fixtures. A hand-crafted Oregon black walnut combination desk/table was designed by Ken Austin III, son of Joan and Ken Austin II and is fitted with a custom-cast bronze leg that resembles stacked discs. It is but one of several locally made products that will be featured in the guestrooms.

Original artwork from Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, dyed fiber rugs, a wet bar, fabric headboard with acoustical panels and a spacious window seat with large viewing windows, are other notable design elements. Schaefer said carpets, woods and fabrics all were chosen for their “green” and sustainable features since The Allison will seek gold LEED certification.

The Allison Offers Total Amenities Package

Following the model room tour, media guests were invited to tour the four levels under construction, including the Terrace Level, Spa Level, Main Level and Suite Level.



Luxury guestrooms feature locally manufactured king beds with dual king pillows and custom bedding.

The four levels include The Allison’s spacious entry with a dramatic glass-enclosed spiral staircase, a signature restaurant and bar that will one day pour wines from The Allison vineyards, a 4,500-square-foot ballroom, 4,200-square-foot foyer, conference center and private dining rooms.

A large spa with 12 treatment rooms will offer a private suite for parties and special occasions, men’s and women’s lounges, a couple’s lounge, outdoor terraces and treatment rooms with views toward bird and butterfly gardens.

Two spectacular tile mural walls and a copper mesh drapery will provide extraordinary décor in the Spa at The Allison.

A fitness center, indoor deck-level swimming pool and spa pool will complete the spa area while folding glass doors open onto the outdoor South Pool Terrace.

The Allison’s 84-seat signature restaurant will showcase Oregon’s agricultural and ocean bounty, along with the region’s acclaimed wines, microbrews and hand-crafted distilled spirits. The restaurant, bar and open kitchen all will evoke an ambiance of casual elegance. Beverages and small plates also will be served in the Lobby Living Room.

Woodland Gardens, Garden Rooms, Trails and Vineyards

Guests arriving at The Allison can expect to experience the wonder of nature in the 32 acres surrounding the property.

“Guests driving up Allison Lane will be welcomed by vistas that include five acres of vineyards, groves of quaking aspen and meadow gardens,” said Mark Sindell, landscape architect for GGLO, Seattle.

He further painted a portrait of bulbs blooming in spring, grand shade trees in summer and rolling parkland hills year-round. The tree-lined arrival court will welcome guests while entries to the restaurant, spa and conference center will be linked by cascading pools and stone seating areas.

A series of garden rooms will provide variety and all-year spaces to relax outdoors. The secluded Meadow Garden, tucked into a grove of Douglas firs, is perfect for small, informal weddings while arbors, stone terraces and flowering dogwoods will provide an ideal setting for a picnic on the lawn during summer afternoons. The Pool Terrace and lawn, for formal weddings, will be bordered by a white perennial garden and ample chaise lounges.

Stone walls and cypress hedges of the Spa Garden will highlight terraces with outdoor fireplaces, the soothing sound of water features and rustic stone paving. Herb gardens, bordered by rows of lavender and groves of Spanish olive trees, provide a bounty for enjoyment in the restaurant.

For more information, visit www.TheAllison.com or call 503-554-2525; toll-free 877-294-2525.