



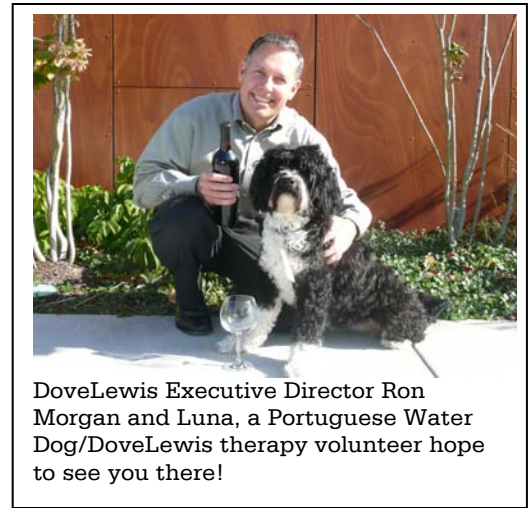
## Media Release

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## The Portuguese Are Coming! The Portuguese Are Coming!

*From Portugal to Portland: Tasting of the Wines and  
 Portos of Portugal to Benefit DoveLewis*

DoveLewis, The Instituto dos Vinhos do Douro e do Porto (IVDP) and ViniPortugal are teaming up to offer an evening of exotic libations for wine lovers and animal lovers. On **Wednesday, November 14 at 5:30 PM**, sample over 150 varieties of Portuguese wines and ports. Meet & mingle with the wine producers from Portugal at **the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Portland**. [Tickets for the event are available at dovelewis.org](#). They are \$25 per person, with 100% of proceeds going to benefit DoveLewis. Tasting Portuguese ports in Portland seems like a natural—but getting such generous support for a local non-profit organization from as far away as Portugal is a bit more unusual. “With a unique specialty in critical care, DoveLewis offers world-class veterinary medicine to the Portland community; we’re thrilled that now our supporters are world-wide as well,” said Ron Morgan, Executive Director.



DoveLewis Executive Director Ron Morgan and Luna, a Portuguese Water Dog/DoveLewis therapy volunteer hope to see you there!

Portland wine-lovers will get a chance to enjoy varieties of Portuguese Reds and Whites made of grapes indigenous to the Iberian Peninsula, including Alvarinho and Tinta Roriz, as well as the intriguingly-named Vinho Verde (“green wine”), a type of slightly effervescent white wine that is unique to Portugal. Guests at the event will also get the opportunity to learn to discern the differences between Portos, from Vintage to Tawny to LBV to Colheitas.

Portugal has emerged from the shadows to become one of the most interesting and exciting wine regions in the world today. And being an “upstart” on the wine landscape is something Portland wine-lovers in particular are bound to recognize and appreciate: just as Portugal is challenging the leadership of better-known vintners from Italy and France, Oregon has stepped up to change the domestic wine landscape (heretofore dominated by California) with its own first-rate Pinot Noirs.

IVDP is the ultimate guarantee of the authenticity of Porto Wine. It is responsible for certifying and supervising the Porto and Douro Denomination of Origin by controlling the quality and quantity of wines that are permitted to bear this designation of origin. ViniPortugal, the association of Portuguese wine producers, will bring many of these wines to this tasting.

DoveLewis is Portland's 24-Hour Emergency and ICU Animal Hospital, offering advanced veterinary care in a state-of-the-art facility in Northwest Portland. DoveLewis also shares several 100% donor-funded programs with the community including one of America's largest volunteer-based animal blood banks, an award-winning animal assisted therapy program, a nationally recognized pet loss support program offering five free group therapy sessions each month, 24-hour stabilizing care for lost, stray and wild animals and financial assistance for low income families and animals who are victims of abuse.