

## snapshots

### Grape Expectations

The 24th annual Classic Wines Auction cropped up once again at the Oregon Convention Center. Held on March 1, the black-tie affair saw some 850 philanthropic oenophiles swirling, sniffing, and sipping everything from earthy Oregon pinots to bubbly Italian cavas. Imbibers also bid on tickets for two all-inclusive weekend getaways to renowned vintner Peter Mondavi Jr.'s Napa Valley estate and on a pair of 2008 Smart Cars, whose petite trunks overflowed with cases of organic wine. The earth-friendly rides netted \$20,000 each, helping to tally an event record of \$3 million to benefit five local children's and family charities: **Metropolitan Family Service, New Avenues for Youth, Friends of the Children, Trillium Family Services, and YWCA Clark County.**



**6** Sweet dreams: Portland-based R&B singer Julianne Johnson gives auctiongoers an earful with her red-hot version of "And I'm Telling You I'm Not Going" from the Stumptown Stages production of *Dreamgirls*, which she headlines.

**7** Classic Wines Auction executive director Heather Martin (left) and assistant director Kristy Anderson clutch thank-you bouquets from their colleagues for organizing the most successful event since the auction's inception in 1982.



### Green Party

More than 350 green-minded revelers filled the Portland Art Museum for the third annual **Sustainable Northwest Auction and Awards Gala**. Lovingly referred to as the "Sustainability Prom," the March 14 gathering featured its own version of a queen for the night: Noted environmental activist Mary Jane Butters was awarded the 2008 Andrus Leadership Award for Sustainability and Conservation, along with the members of the 2007 Oregon Business Plan Steering Committee. The evening left the organization seeing plenty of green, as backers rallied \$150,000 to help promote the group's mission of environmental stewardship.



**8** Sustainable Northwest Board Chairman Steve Abel and his wife, Janet, find the evening's festivities to their liking.

**9** Margaret Kirkpatrick (left) helps Kim Heiting celebrate after her pal won a cozy Mount Hood weekend getaway in a custom-built Neil Kelly home.

**10** Steve Kandra (from left) and daughter Lindsay enjoy a chat with Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury (far right) and his wife, Katy Eymann.

