



## **Press Release**

### **April 10, 2008**

Varaison Vineyards and Winery is excited to announce the grand opening of the Varaison Garden in Palisade, CO. Varaison Vineyards and Winery in cooperation with David Austin Roses has integrated this beautifully landscaped garden into the winery facility at 405 W. First Street, Palisade, CO. David Austin Roses is the world's only producer of Old English Roses, and is the premier breeder of the English Shrub Rose. In the 1950's, David Austin embarked on a mission to combine the beautiful flower forms and fragrances of old roses with the wider color ranges of modern roses. The result of this internationally recognized rose is an expression of deep rose aromas consisting of Myrrh, spices, and the old rose scent. Dr. Michael Marriott of David Austin Roses has graciously provided his expertise in the professional landscape design of the Varaison Rose Garden. The garden consists of a mass planting of 1400 Old English Roses in a scaled replication of the famous Nyman's Garden of East Sussex, England. This planting at Varaison Gardens makes it the largest single planting of David Austin Roses in North America. These two-year old roses will be in full splendor as continual blooming varieties are present throughout the spring, summer, and fall months. David Austin Roses were recently profiled on the Martha Stewart Show (April 10, 2008).

In celebration of the grand opening of the garden, Varaison Garden will open for touring beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. This coincides with the Second Annual Palisade Parade of Roses and the inaugural Champagne Brunch at Varaison Pavillion. Varaison Vineyards and Winery is a premium wine producer specializing in Estate Grown Merlot, Chardonnay, Black Muscato Asti, and our signature sparkling wine consisting of Orange Muscato and Chardonnay.

Tours of the garden are free to the public with valet parking provided at the adjacent winery facility. Tickets for the inaugural brunch are available at the winery, via phone reservation at 970-464-4928, and through the Palisade Chamber of Commerce. Advance tickets for the brunch are \$35 dollars and seating is strictly limited to 200 people. For questions regarding the Varaison Garden, the Palisade Parade of Roses, or the inaugural Champagne Brunch, please contact the winery at 970-464-4928, or via the web at [www.varaisonvineyards.com](http://www.varaisonvineyards.com).

