



COCHON555
5 CHEFS, 5 PIGS
5 WINEMAKERS

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COCHON 555 PORTLAND

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for all of your concern and lovely messages. Cochon 555 Portland was a tremendous success. The voice of heritage farms nationwide was heard amongst an amazing audience of some 400 members of the Portland food community. Congratulations to Jason Barwikowski of Olympic Provisions, Portland's "Prince of Porc" 2010 and all of the participants!

However, after the conclusion of Cochon 555, an unfortunate incident happened that we would like to address. In an unprovoked attack, an Oregon chef (unaffiliated with Cochon 555) became aggressive toward the team and its cause. The violent attack occurred for reasons that we do not understand. What we do know is that the aggressor was unhappy with the winning results of the competition and channeled his anger toward the team of Cochon 555.

Brady Lowe, founder of Cochon 555 absorbed the brunt of the attack including a forceful kick to the head that resulted in a concussion. Lowe was released from the hospital last night with several injuries including a broken ankle and is now recovering. Brady does not understand how someone with such anger issues can be allowed in public events in Portland and create such harm.

The team of Cochon 555 would like everyone to know that this incident does not reflect on the good people of Portland. To see the photos of happy chefs, farmers and guests is to know what Cochon 555 is all about. We hope that this targeted act of violence does not overshadow the event and what we work so hard to represent. Although we have not decided what our next step is in this situation, we are looking forward to the Seattle competition this Sunday as planned! We have worked with over 65 family farms in the U.S. and will continue to relentlessly support and promote heritage breeds wherever we can. Please continue to support heritage breed pigs everywhere, it is our responsibility as a food community.

Thank you,
Cochon 555