



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Amy Ciarametaro
(804) 344-8200

2008 Passport to Virginia Wineries Winners Selected

Richmond, VA - The winners for the 2008 Passport to Virginia Wineries Program were selected on January 15th, 2009. This year's Passport Program required all contestants to visit at least 15 Virginia farm wineries, by having their "Passport" sheet or 2008 Virginia Winery Guide stamped as proof of participation during the calendar year.

The three winners from around the state were awarded their prizes this past month. Beth Caldwell of Washington DC was awarded our prize package for two that included a winery tour at James River Cellars, followed by an overnight for both with deluxe accommodations at The Jefferson Hotel, in Richmond, Virginia, including breakfast. Caroline Talbot of Midlothian, Virginia was awarded our prize package for two that included a wine tasting tour from Arcady Vineyard Touring Company of 4 Monticello Appellation wineries as well as lunch for both. The package also included deluxe accommodations for two at The Boards Head Inn, in Charlottesville, Virginia, including dinner for both at The Old Mill Room at the inn. Carol Watkins of Alexandria, Virginia won a one year membership to The Virginia Wine of the Month Club for 2009.

All winners were selected at random. The Passport to Virginia Wineries program is organized by the Virginia Wine Board Marketing Office and all participating sponsors. For further information about the program, please call (804) 344-8200.

The Virginia Wine Board Marketing Office would like to thank the following friends of the Virginia wine industry for their generous contributions to the Passport Program:

The Jefferson Hotel
James River Cellars
Arcady Vineyard Touring Company
The Boars Head Inn
The Virginia Wine of the Month Club