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## **VIRGINIA'S OWN VERITAS VIOGNIER POURED AT STATE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN OF COURAGE**



Emily Hodson Pelton the winner of the National Women's Wine Competition 2007 was invited to the State Department where the Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and guest speaker Michelle Obama honored –The Fourth International Women of Courage Awards to ten women from around the world. The award recognizes their courage and leadership as they fight for social justice, human rights and the advancement of women. Deborah Brenner author of *Women of the Vine* shared the honor of being invited not only to be present at the ceremony but also to pour her Merlot with Emily's Veritas Viognier 2009. Emily had the honor of meeting both Madame Secretary and the First Lady who affirmed her enjoyment of Emily's Viognier – high praise indeed.

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