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## **Jancis Robinson Features and Reviews Virginia Wines**

**Richmond, VA** – September 23, 2011– On the weekend of July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, over 300 wine bloggers from around the country descended upon Charlottesville, Virginia to learn more about the Virginia wine industry for the 2011 Wine Bloggers Conference. Excitement and anticipation leading up to the conference grew as attendees learned that the two keynote speakers for the weekend would be Eric Asimov, the chief wine critic of The New York Times, and Jancis Robinson, a renowned international wine writer and critic.

This week, Robinson has featured Virginia wines on her award winning website, [www.JancisRobinson.com](http://www.JancisRobinson.com), in the form of two videos, two articles, and tasting notes of the Virginia wines she sampled while visiting the Commonwealth. In her tasting notes, she reviewed 53 Virginia wines from 21 different wineries. Two of the wines reviewed received a score of 18 on a 20 point scale, the 2009 and 2010 Virginia from RdV Vineyards located in Delaplane, Virginia.

In her full length article entitled “Virginia’s New Star,” Jancis Robinson features Rutger de Vink, owner of RdV Vineyards, telling the story of this relative newcomer to the Virginia wine industry. “I sincerely believe his considerable efforts stand a good chance of putting the state definitively on the world wine map,” states Robinson in the opening paragraph. In addition, the article highlights Barboursville Vineyards, Horton Vineyards, Chrysalis Vineyards, and Linden Vineyards. At the conclusion of the article, Robinson lists her top 12 Virginia wine picks from the compilation she tasted in July. This list includes wines from Ankida Ridge Vineyards, Barboursville Vineyards, Breaux Vineyards, Chrysalis Vineyards, King Family Vineyards, Linden Vineyards, and RdV Vineyards.

This article can be found on her website as well as the two videos that include footage from RdV Vineyards and Horton Vineyards. The article entitled “Virginia Wine – First Impressions” and the tasting notes are available on her website upon signing up for a membership.

### **About Jancis Robinson**

*“One of a handful of wine communicators with an international reputation, Jancis Robinson writes daily for [JancisRobinson.com](http://JancisRobinson.com) (voted first-ever Wine Website of the Year in the Louis Roederer International Wine Writers Awards 2010), weekly for The Financial Times, and bi-monthly for a column that is syndicated around the world. She is also editor of The Oxford Companion to Wine and co-author with Hugh Johnson of The World Atlas of Wine, each of these books recognised as a standard reference worldwide. An award-winning tv presenter, she is invited all over the world to conduct wine events and act as a wine judge. In 1984 she was the first person outside the wine trade to pass the rigorous Master of Wine exams and in 2003 she was awarded an OBE by Her Majesty the Queen, on whose cellar she now advises.”*

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