



THE TIDES INN WELCOMES THE RETURN OF "WOMEN WILD ABOUT WINE" FOR VIRGINIA WINE MONTH

Weekends in October will once again bring together friends and fine wine in Virginia's Northern Neck

IRVINGTON, VA (June 3, 2009) - The Women Wild About Wine Weekends at the Tides Inn returns in time for October's wine harvest and Virginia's wildly popular wine month. Virginia celebrates its 21st Virginia Wine Month with festivals, tours, concerts and more from the state's 140 wineries. October has become an eagerly awaited annual highlight as Virginia's wine production ranks fifth in the U.S.

"The ladies enjoy exclusive access to Virginia wineries on self-guided tours of the Northern Neck Wine Trail, complete with a Chesapeake-inspired picnic lunch," said Gordon Slatford, general manager at the Tides Inn. "The weekend is popular for catching up with old friends, relaxing on the waterfront, mani-pedis over wine and activities like tennis, golf, boating, antiques and visiting historic attractions."

October is one of the best months of the year to visit Virginia, offering delightful autumn leaves and cool temperatures. The two-night **Women Wild About Wine Weekend Package** includes:

- Friday and Saturday night stay in a Vista Suite, including daily breakfast
- Two manicures, two pedicures and a Virginia wine of choice from one of the four nearby wineries
- A picnic basket lunch for a self-guided tour of four Virginia wineries near the Inn: Athena Vineyards, Belle Mount Vineyards, Ingleside Vineyards, and White Fences Vineyard & Winery
- Two "Women Wild About Wine" shirts
- Two-night package, based on double occupancy, is \$335 per person, per night, plus tax
- Valid for October weekends through November 1, 2009

Athena Vineyards, Belle Mount Vineyards, Ingleside Vineyards, and White Fences Vineyard & Winery are all part of Virginia's Northern Neck and enjoy a climate similar to Bordeaux, France. The weather is moderated by the Chesapeake Bay and the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers, allowing the region to grow exceptional wine grapes in sandy loam soil. Gently rolling hills are planted with American hybrid and grafted European vines, offering breathtaking views and award-winning wines.

About Tides Inn

The intimate 106-room Tides Inn, set on its own waterfront peninsula in the charming town of Irvington on Virginia's Northern Neck, has been a Chesapeake Bay tradition for over 60 years. A preferred mid-Atlantic getaway for couples, families and small groups, the resort features luxury accommodations furnished in British colonial style and dedicated state-of-the-art conference

facilities certified by IACC. The resort's signature fine dining restaurant, the Chesapeake Club, serves seasonal regional Chesapeake Bay cuisine. Additional amenities include a full service spa; an award-winning 60-slip marina that accommodates boats up to 125 feet; a professional sailing school and an array of outdoor recreation, including championship golf, tennis, croquet and volleyball.

A member of The Leading Hotels of the World, Tides Inn is part of the Enchantment Group portfolio of award-winning properties. The Sedona, Arizona-based spa and resort development and management firm also operates Enchantment Resort and Mii amo, a destination spa at Enchantment Resort, named "world's best destination spa" in a 2007 *Travel + Leisure* magazine readers survey. For more information, please visit www.tidesinn.com.

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