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June is Ohio Wine Month

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (June 1, 2010) – To celebrate the state’s knowledgeable winemakers, fertile soils and temperate growing climate that produces some of the best wines in the country, Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland declared June “Ohio Wine Month”. With an emphasis on excellence, Ohio grape growers work to harvest only the highest quality of wine grapes.

"Ohio Wine Month provides the opportunity for all Ohioans to celebrate our important wine industry," said Gov. Strickland. "The Ohio wine and grape industry contributes more than \$580 million to the state's economy annually and is well-deserving of this honor, highlighting its continued growth and contribution to Ohio and our largest industry - food and agriculture."

The Ohio Grape Industries Committee partners with 18 Ohio restaurants to feature Ohio Wines. The restaurants, located in the Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus areas, feature Ohio Quality Wines by the glass or bottle from June through November.

For more details about these events, or for more information about Ohio Wines, visit www.tasteohiowines.com.

The Ohio Grape Industries Committee, chaired by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, works to create viable, income-producing grape enterprises in the State of Ohio by providing marketing and promotion efforts to generate and expand new markets for grapes and grape products and research to improve the quality of grapes and profitability of grape growing as an agribusiness.

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