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OHIO WINERIES GAIN INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION

Six Wineries to Showcase their Wine to the World

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (March 10, 2011) – Six Ohio wineries will showcase their award-winning wines alongside some of the best in the world at the 21st Cincinnati International Wine Festival, March 11-12, at the Duke Energy Convention Center.

More than 600 wines from 100 wineries all around the world will be represented at this event, one of the largest annual wine festivals in the country. Ohio's participating wineries include: **Burnet Ridge** (North College Hill); **Firelands Winery** (Sandusky); **Henke Winery** (Cincinnati); **Meier's Wine Cellars** (Silverton); **Valley Vineyards** (Morrow); and **Vinoklet Winery** (Cincinnati).

Ohio has a strong tradition in grape and wine production, which started along the Ohio River near Cincinnati in the 1850s. Ohio is credited with starting this country's domestic wine production.

Today, Ohio's grape and wine production is an integral component of Ohio's agriculture industry. It contributes nearly a half billion dollars to Ohio's economy and accounts for more than 4,100 full-time jobs.

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