

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Honors Top Wines

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (April 10, 2014) – Ohio Agriculture Director David T. Daniels honored Ohio Quality Wines as Director’s Choice recipients at an event held at the Statehouse for retailers, distributors, restaurateurs and winery owners.

More than 30 wines were evaluated by a panel of judges, on behalf of Director Daniels, for the highly coveted award. The 2014 award recipients are:

White Wine (Tie):	2012 Firelands Barrel Select Chardonnay 2012 Ferrante Signature Grand River Valley Riesling
Red Wine (Tie):	2012 Valley Vineyards Cabernet Franc 2012 Valley Vineyards Syrah
Specialty Wine:	2012 Ferrante Vidal Blanc Ice Wine

All of the Director’s Choice award recipients are eligible for the Ohio Quality Wine designation. It was created in 2007 by the Ohio Grape Industries Committee and is assigned to wines made from at least 90 percent Ohio-grown grapes. These wines must also achieve at least 15 of 20 points on a sensory evaluation and pass a chemical analysis before receiving the quality seal.

The Ohio Grape Industries Committee is housed at the Ohio Department of Agriculture and provides wineries a means to market their top-quality wines against well-known California and European wines. To learn more about the program or for a complete list of Ohio Quality Wines, visit www.tasteohiowines.com.

Ohio’s grape and wine production is an integral component of Ohio’s \$105 billion food and agriculture industry.

-30-

Media Contact: Ashley McDonald, Public Information Officer, 614-752-9817

*Photos and captions are available at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/112002455@N04/sets/>
Click on “2014 Director’s Choice Event.”*