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NH Liquor Commission to Bring the World's Top Winemakers to NH for 2020 Wine Week

NH Wine Week to delight customers with exclusive wine pairing dinners, bottle signings, seminars and the 17th annual Winter Wine Spectacular

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Liquor Commission (NHLC) will host its 15th annual New Hampshire Wine Week featuring more than 60 of the biggest names in the wine world, including Dave Phinney of [Orin Swift](#), Lisa Evich of [SIMI](#), Cristina Mariani-May of [Castello Banfi](#), Isiah Thomas of [Cheurlin Champagne](#), and Michael Phillips of [Michael David Winery](#), who will meet directly with consumers in a series of exclusive tastings, wine dinners, bottle signings and seminars. The week-long celebration of wine, taking place from January 20-25, also features one of the largest wine events in the country, the 17th annual Winter Wine Spectacular, which benefits Easterseals New Hampshire. The event attracts more than 1,500 guests to sample more than 1,800 fine wines. For a full list of winemakers, celebrity appearances, event details and tickets, please visit www.nhwineweek.com.

“New Hampshire Wine Week, and the Winter Wine Spectacular in particular, have become some of the largest and most popular events in New Hampshire, and they continue to grow and expand each year,” said NHLC Chairman Joseph Mollica. “During New Hampshire Wine Week, we are proud to offer newcomers, experts, and everyone in between, unparalleled opportunities to meet and learn directly from the premier winemakers in the world. We are equally proud to have raised more than \$2 million over the past 16 years to support critical programs at Easterseals New Hampshire, which performs such incredible work across the state.”

Bringing the flavors of the West Coast to the palates of New Hampshire consumers, NHLC will host a brand new event, “Cellar Notes: An Evening of Wine and Music,” on Wednesday, January 22, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Rex Theater, 23 Amherst Street in Manchester. Along with live music in a relaxed setting, the event will feature an interactive panel discussion and tasting with Dave Phinney of [Orin Swift](#), Lisa Evich of [SIMI](#), Mark Neal of [Neal Family Vineyards](#), and Craig McAllister of [La Crema Winery](#), as well as music from local singer/songwriter Alli Beaudry. Tickets are limited. For event details, visit www.nhwineweek.com/cellarnotes2020.

For more than 20 years, Dave Phinney's innovative blends, mysterious brands and imaginative labels have garnered universal acclaim for Orin Swift. For his accomplishments, Phinney was named [2019 Winemaker of the Year by Wine Enthusiast](#). SIMI winemaker Lisa Evich, inspired by the science and art behind the process, works to maintain the timelessness behind the brand. Mark Neal, who maintains the largest certified organic grower in the North Coast, implemented organic farming for vineyards at Jack Neal and Son in 1984. Craig McAllister, after gaining extensive experience abroad, became the head winemaker at La Crema, where he further develops its esteemed collection of single vineyard Chardonnay and Pinot Noir wines.

In addition to the Winter Wine Spectacular, New Hampshire Wine Week features a selection of events taking place throughout the state. Check www.nhwineweek.com frequently, as dozens of events will be added to the website leading up to New Hampshire Wine Week.

"Our 77 NH Liquor & Wine Outlets across the state offer a robust selection of more than 7,000 wines for our customers, and there are hundreds of educational opportunities available each year to our customers through a variety of events and tastings, most notably New Hampshire Wine Week," said Lisa Gosselin, NHLC Wine Marketing and Sales Specialist. "New Hampshire Wine Week provides consumers with the unique opportunity to sample premium wines before they buy. Unlike other events in the region, consumers can purchase wines during a number of New Hampshire Wine Week events, including the Winter Wine Spectacular and Cellar Notes."

Winter Wine Spectacular

New Hampshire Wine Week culminates with the Easterseals Winter Wine Spectacular on Thursday, January 23, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm Street in Manchester. Along with having more than 1,800 wines for sampling, the event features delicious local fare, a silent auction and raffle, the Bellman Cellar Select VIP tasting room, and the chance to meet and learn from more than 60 internationally known wine personalities.

Tickets for the Grand Tasting cost \$65 per person, and tickets providing access to the Grand Tasting and Bellman's Cellar Select cost \$135 per person.

The Winter Wine Spectacular raises critical funds for Easterseals New Hampshire, which is a leader in social services for individuals with disabilities and special needs serving thousands of children, adults, seniors and veterans in communities throughout New Hampshire. Over the past 16 years, NHLC's Winter Wine Spectacular and other New Hampshire Wine Week events have raised more than \$2 million for Easterseals New Hampshire.

"Easterseals New Hampshire is appreciative of NHLC and its ongoing support of our efforts to topple barriers, dispel stereotypes, overcome obstacles, and challenge attitudes and perceptions about people with disabilities," said Christine Pederson, Director of Events for Easterseals New Hampshire. "The funding from this event assists our Early Supports & Services program, which provides many critical resources such as physical therapy, speech and language pathology and early childhood special education for children birth to age three."

In addition to Easterseals New Hampshire, NHLC has worked with suppliers and brokers over the past five years to raise more than \$2 million for nonprofit organizations making an impact in New Hampshire, including Best Buddies New Hampshire, Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, Homes for Our Troops, Operation Care for Troops, New Hampshire Food Bank, Toys for Tots, Granite United Way, Community Foundation Sonoma County, Napa Valley

Community Foundation, Concord Hospital, Crotched Mountain Foundation, Wildlife Heritage Foundation or New Hampshire, and the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association.

The 2020 New Hampshire Wine Week participants include:

Appolo Vineyard – Mike Appolo
Art+Farm Wine – Rob McDonald
A to Z Wineworks/Rex Hill Winery – Olivier Prost
Battle Creek Cellars – Sarah Cabot
Bellacosa – Dan Cohn
Benton-Lane Winery – Michael Hammond
Benziger Family Winery – Chris Benziger
Bonterra Organic Vineyards – Jeff Cichocki
Candia Vineyard – Bob Dabrowski
Cannonball Wines – Ondine Chattan
Carpineto Winery – Antonio Zaccheo Jr.
Casillero del Diablo – Sebastián Rodríguez
Castello Banfi – Cristina Mariani-May
Castello di Querceto – Marco Fizialetti
Cecchi Winery – Andrea Cecchi
Chapillon – Christophe Chapillon
Chateau Beauchene – Amandine Bernard
Chateau D'Esclans – Michele Wood
Cheurlin Champagne – Isiah Thomas
C.K. Mondavi – Angelina Mondavi
Cline Cellars – Tom Gendall
Cycles Gladiator – Adam LaZarre
El Coto – Sergio Soriano
Farnum Hill Ciders at Poverty Lane Orchards – Steve Wood and Louisa Spencer
Flag Hill Winery and Distillery – Brian Ferguson
Fulchino Vineyard – Al and Susan Fulchino
Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard – Oskar Bynke
Hermit Woods – Maya Bhatt-Hardcastle
Honig Vineyards and Winery – Michael Honig
Innovation Brands – Reid Klei
J. Lohr Vineyards – Jeff Meier
Klinker Brick Winery – Steve and Lori Felten
LaBelle Winery – Amy Labelle and Cesar Arboleda
La Crema Winery – Craig McAllister
Landmark Vineyards – Greg Stach
Lange Estate Winery – Wendy Lange
Maine Mead Works – Ben Alexander
Merriam Vineyards – Peter Merriam
Michael David Winery – Michael Phillips
Moonlight Meadery – Michael Fairbrother
Morgan Winery – Sam Smith
Mount Peak Winery/William Hill Winery – Mark Williams
Neal Family Vineyards – Mark Neal
Orin Swift – Dave Phinney
Peter Paul Wines – Martin Reyes
Proud Pour – Brian Thurber

Robert Sinskey Vineyards – Maria Helm Sinskey
R. Stuart & Co. Winery – Rob Stuart
Saintsbury – Tim Colla
Serge Dore Selections – Serge Dore
Silverado Vineyards – Elena Franceschi
SIMI – Lisa Evich
Ste. Michelle Wine Estates – Thom Horsey
Sweet Baby Vineyard – Lewis Eaton
The Hess Collection – Dave Guffy
Trefethen – Jon Ruel
Viberti Giovanni – Claudio Viberti
Vrankin/Pommery – Aurelie Vix
Wente Vineyards – Niki Wente
Winemaking Vintage Wine Estates – Marco DiGiulio
Zorvino Vineyards – Dave Sexton

For more information on New Hampshire Wine Week events and to purchase tickets, visit www.NHWineWeek.com.

About the New Hampshire Liquor Commission

The New Hampshire Liquor Commission (NHLC) operates 77 NH Liquor & Wine Outlets throughout the Granite State, providing more than 12 million annual customers with the widest selection of name brand wines and spirits at great prices and no taxes. NHLC has received numerous accolades, including being named the “Best state in the country for wine drinkers” by *The Washington Post* and “One of the best places in the country to find rare spirits” by *Serious Eats*. New Hampshire is one of 17 states where the government controls the sale of alcohol. NHLC has been named the “Nation’s top control state” by *StateWays Magazine* and its leadership has been recognized for “Transforming the control state model” by *Market Watch Magazine*. Since the first NH Liquor & Wine Outlet opened in 1934, more than \$3.6 billion in net profits has been raised to fund programs including education, health and social services, transportation, natural resource protection, addiction treatment and prevention programs. NHLC contributed nearly \$140 million in support of these programs in 2019.

Visit www.LiquorandWineOutlets.com to locate an Outlet, search for product availability, learn about monthly sales, review wine tasting schedules, and sign up to receive significant savings with monthly Email Extras.

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