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Nova Scotia to Host *Wine Access* 2011 Canadian Wine Awards

Halifax, N.S. – The *Wine Access* 2011 Canadian Wine Awards judging will be held from August 22 through August 25 at the Delta Halifax in Halifax, Nova Scotia. This is the first year in its 11 year history that the judging will take place east of Ontario.

“This is such a huge accomplishment for our industry,” says Janice Ruddock, managing director of the Winery Association of Nova Scotia. “This is the first year the judging has been done here...it shows a support and appreciation for our Nova Scotia wines on a national level and we are looking forward to showing off our world-class culinary experiences and wines to esteemed judges from across Canada.”

The *Wine Access* Canadian Wine Awards, Canada's leading national wine competition, is open to all wines that are 100% Canadian grown, fermented and bottled. 1,058 wines from across the country are entered into the competition.

“The *Wine Access* Canadian Wine Awards has become the measuring stick for Canadian winegrowers and a fabulous opportunity to present their wines to many of Canada’s most respected wine commentators on a national stage,” says Anthony Gismondi, *Wine Access* magazine’s editor-in-chief. “More than just an opportunity to hand out medals, it’s an opportunity to award our country’s excellence in winemaking from coast to coast.”

Some of Canada's leading wine writers, journalists, sommeliers, buyers and industry professionals come together from across Canada to comprise the *Wine Access* CWA judging panel.

For more information about the 2011 *Wine Access* Canadian Wine Awards visit www.wineaccess.ca/cwa. Additional information about the Winery Association of Nova Scotia can be found at www.winesns.ca.

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About the Winery Association of Nova Scotia

The Winery Association of Nova Scotia (WANS) was formed in 2002 to represent the interests of wine producers in Nova Scotia, to serve as a voice for local industry and to promote the growth and development of Nova Scotia wines. Members include Annapolis Highland Vineyards, L'Acadie Vineyards, Bear River Vineyards, Benjamin Bridge, Blomidon Estate Winery, Domaine de Grand Pré, Gaspereau Vineyards, Muir Murray Estate Winery, Sainte-Famille Wines, Lockett Vineyards, Lunenburg County Winery, Petite Riviere Vineyards and Jost Vineyards.