

June 2, 2003

TIP SHEET

Grand Opening of Simmons Winery and Farm Market

Wine tasting, tours, gifts, fresh vegetables and fruits can all be experienced during a fun filled day at the Grand Opening of the Simmons Winery and Farm Market June 3, 2000 12noon-6PM. Simmons Winery, located outside of Columbus, offers a wide variety of red, white and blush wines. Special activities are planned throughout the day. Highlights include wine tasting, hourly drawings, a food pairing lesson "what food goes best with what type of wine," music, and tours of the winery. Join us in celebrating the Grand Opening of the Simmons Winery and Farm Market. Taste the experience of Indiana Wines!

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Entrepreneur of the Year Finalist

Angee Walberry, owner of Gaia Wines in Indianapolis, has been selected as a finalist in the Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year contest. Ernst & Young created this award to celebrate the accomplishments of great business entrepreneurs around the world, and to make the general public aware of the beneficial effects that entrepreneurs have on our society. Ms. Walberry is the owner and winemaker at Gaia Wines, Inc., and currently produces 14 award-winning wines. Gaia Wines Inc., an Indiana Corporation, opened its doors in 1996 in the heart of the Indianapolis Arts District on Massachusetts Avenue. Gaia Wines is open seven days a week with three private tasting rooms, and a retail tasting room with wine/grape related gifts and accessories.

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Vintage Indiana Wine and Food Festival

By Proclamation from Frank O'Bannon, Governor of Indiana, June has been declared Indiana Wine and Grape Month. Join us in celebrating at the first annual Vintage Indiana Wine and Food Festival June 10, 2000.

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A day of wine, food, and fun in downtown Indianapolis, Military Park from 11:00am-7:00pm. The festival will feature more than 15 Indiana wineries, live music, a variety of foods, and a wine/food educational area with demonstrations. Sample wines from Indiana's newest winery, Simmons Winery and Farm Market. Meet Angee Walberry, owner of the Gaia Wines, who was selected as a 2000 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Finalist. It's all happening June 10, 2000 in downtown Indianapolis, for more information visit our website at www.vintageindiana.com. Come experience the taste of Indiana Wines!

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Free Brochures and Resource Material for Public

The Indiana Wine Grape Council drives economic development in the wine and grape industry through research and marketing. For an *Indiana Wineries* brochure with maps and contact information, contact the Indiana Wine Grape Council at 800-832-WINE or visit us on the web at www.indianawineries.org.

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