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## **Grand Opening of Indiana's 22 Winery**

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - The Indiana wine industry is growing at a quick pace. Especially in Columbus, the city is welcoming it's second new winery this year. Shadey Lake Winery, located within a mile of the Prime Outlet Mall, will host a grand opening on October 14, 2000 from 10:00am – 6:00pm. The public is welcome to tour the winery and sample a variety of dry fruit wines including blueberry, cherry and strawberry.

Throughout the year, the wine list at Shadey Lake Winery will expand to include additional dry fruit wines as well as traditional grape wine varieties. Owners Greg and Pam Schmeltz are excited that their passion for wine is turning from a hobby into a business. "After entering 10 wines in international wine competitions and bringing home 8 medals, we believe we have wines the public will enjoy," says Greg. He continues, "When we made our first wines as amateurs, many fruits were sacrificed in the basement to become wine experiments. We have spent six years honing our winemaking skills to create wines that are award winning."

Three new wineries have opened in Indiana just this year, bringing the total number to twenty-two. The boom in the wine and grape industry resulted in more than a 100% growth in the past 10 years. And the growth will continue, Indiana will welcome at least one more winery in 2000 and several more in 2001.

**Winery Information:** Open Saturday 10:00am – 6:00pm, Sunday noon – 5:00pm

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