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Boordy Vineyards to Team with Local Culinary Competition

Boordy Vineyards and Mason Dixon Master Chef Announce Partnership

Baltimore, MD, March 3, 2015 – Historic Maryland winery Boordy Vineyards (<http://www.boordy.com>), and culinary competition organizer Mason Dixon Master Chef (<http://www.MDMasterChef.com>) have announced their plans to partner for the shared vision of highlighting local culinary talent, restaurants, food and wine.

Boordy Vineyards, set in the rolling farmland of Baltimore County, celebrates its 70th anniversary this year. Owned and operated by the R. B. Deford family, Boordy is dedicated to producing high quality wines from its estate vineyards and to extending hospitality to wine lovers. The Vineyard offers guided wine tastings daily, complemented by tours of its historic stone barn, state-of-the-art winery, and meticulously tended vineyards. Seasonal events enliven the calendar throughout the year, and current vintages are can be purchased at their wine shop and in many Maryland liquor stores.

Mason Dixon Master Chef is the organizer of the only live, local interactive culinary competition of its kind. This summer's Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament will be the fifth competition to pit chef teams from local restaurants against one another in a single-elimination bracket style tournament. The Tournament is designed to showcase local culinary talent, as well as give back to the community, with 10% of the net proceeds of each ticket sold going to Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland (<http://www.mealsonwheelsmd.org>).

"Partnering with a local vineyard is something we've wanted to do for a long time. The Tournament was started to highlight local chef talent, restaurants and venues. Adding a great local vineyard like Boordy is a perfect addition. We're so excited to have them host all 15 of our wine tastings at this year's Tournament, and look forward to a long relationship with them", says Mason Dixon Master Chef, CEO Erik Folkart.

"This partnership is an honor, and is a natural fit for Boordy", says owner and president, Rob Deford, "Maryland has a rich culinary tradition that includes the production of fine wines. We welcome the opportunity to pair our wines with dishes prepared by talented local chefs, and we eagerly look forward to hosting the events."

The initial field of 16 local chef teams will begin competition on June 15th and will continue throughout the summer on Mondays and Tuesdays until two teams earn their spot in the Sunday, August 16th Final Championship Match. The winner of that match will earn the title of 2015 Mason Dixon Master Chef Champions as well as thousands in cash and prizes.

Mason Dixon Master Chef will also be participating in several events this year to be held at the Boordy Vineyards, including their annual hosting of the March Mason Dixon Wine Trail event. Please contact Boordy for additional information and to purchase tickets for these upcoming events.

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About The Mason Dixon Master Chef Tournament

This multi-week event is a single-elimination tournament designed to showcase some of the area's finest executive chefs and restaurants. Guests attending this exciting event will be more than just spectators, as they enjoy the unique experience of witnessing two spectacular area chef teams battle it out in the prep kitchen right on the main floor. Each evening two chef teams go head-to-head to prepare an appetizer, entrée and dessert for each of three expert judges, as well as amuse bouche portions of their entrees for a limited number of audience member judges. Their creations are scored on creativity, presentation and taste, and only one chef advances to the next round. At the end of this tournament only one of the 16 competing chefs will emerge as THE Mason Dixon Master Chef! *10% of the net proceeds of each ticket sold directly to Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland. More information available at www.MasonDixonMasterChef.com, on Twitter @MDMasterChef, and Facebook at Mason Dixon Master Chef.*

About Boordy Vineyards

Family owned and operated since 1965. Boordy Vineyards is dedicated to celebrating life, wine and good food. Learn more about Boordy at www.boordy.com.

About Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland

Meals on Wheels' mission is to enhance quality of life through the provision of nutritious meals, personal contact and related services to homebound individuals. Last year, over 740,000 home-delivered meals were prepared and delivered to more than 2,900 homebound clients through the coordinated efforts of Meals on Wheels staff and some 2,000 volunteers. Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland currently serves the following areas: Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's counties. www.mealsonwheelsmd.org