

Lehigh Valley Winery Wins Top Honors At Farm Show

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Clover Hill Vineyards and Winery, Breinigsville, exhibited their expertise in wine making by taking the Best of Show Award at the sixth annual Farm Show Wine Competition at the 86th Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Clover Hill's Chambourein gained gold medal status as best hybrid, leading to a best of show entry. In addition to their Chambourein, Clover Hill exhibited six other varieties of wine. They were among more than 20 competing wineries at this year's event, where 16 judges sampled 163 varieties of wine, awarding a total of 118 medals.

Established in 1975, Clover Hill was born when John and Pat Skrip took a chance and planted a small vineyard. Success has made Clover Hill an expanding family operation, now realizing four vineyards comprised of 55 acres and their winery business. Emphasis at Clover Hill is in cultivating only the finest quality grapes, and winemaker John Script III said, "We put the same pride, care, and concern in every bottle we make."

Other honors were given to Adams County Winery, gaining a Silver Medal and Best

American for their Tears of Gettysburg and Manatawny Creek Winery receiving a gold and Best Vinifera for

their Chardonnay. In addition, Naylor Wine Cellars Inc. took home a gold and

best show-fruit award with their Peaches Plus. Presque Isle Wine Cellars was

awarded a silver medal and best sparkling for their Harbor Creek Red.

2002 Maryland Wine Festival Design Competition Announced

WESTMINSTER, Md. — The Carroll County Farm Museum and the Carroll County Arts Council have announced the annual design competition for The Maryland Wine Festival Poster for 2002.

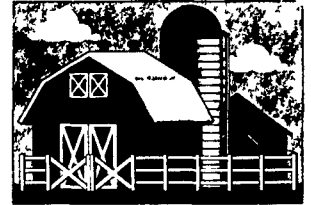
Entries for this contest increase in number each year, with a record of 67 entries received last year from all across the nation.

The winning artist(s) will receive a \$1,000 cash prize. The winning design will be reproduced on posters, T-shirts, brochures and various other promotional materials for the 2002 Maryland Wine Festival on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 22, from noon-6 p.m. at the Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster, Md.

Any two-dimensional media may be used to design the poster, including painting, drawing, collage, photography, computer-generated design, etc. Artists must be 18 years of age or older to enter.

Deadline for design submission is 3 p.m. Friday, March 15. Interested artists and designers must contact the Arts Council at (410) 848-7272 or (410) 876-8550 to

receive a copy of the official design requirements and entry form.



Potato Production Grows

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania's production of fall potatoes for 2000 totaled 3,510,000 CWT, up 14 percent from 1999, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service. The value of production was 27.2 million dollars, up 17 percent from 1999.

Potato sales totaled 3,301,000 CWT or 94 percent of the 2000 crop. In 1999, 2,877,000 CWT, or 93 percent of the total production,

was sold. The average price received in 2000 was \$7.75 per CWT, compared to \$7.55 in 1999. Of the total production, 44,000 CWT were used on the farms where produced and 165,000 CWT went to shrinkage and other losses. Farm use accounted for 31,000 CWT in 1999 and shrinkage and other losses were 172,000 CWT.

Nationally, acreage of all potatoes harvested in 2000 totaled 1.35 million, up one percent from the previous

year. Yield per acre averaged 381 CWT, up 22 CWT from 1999. Production totaled 514 million CWT in 2000, an increase of seven percent from the previous year.

The volume of potatoes sold was 465 million CWT, up six percent from 1999. Value of the 2000 potato crop was estimated at \$2.59 billion, down six percent from a year earlier. The average price was \$5.08 per CWT, compared with \$5.77 in 1999.



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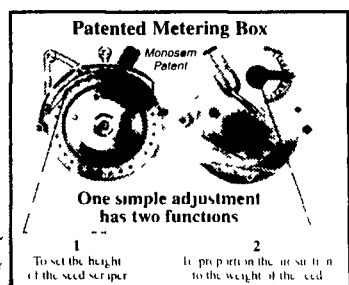
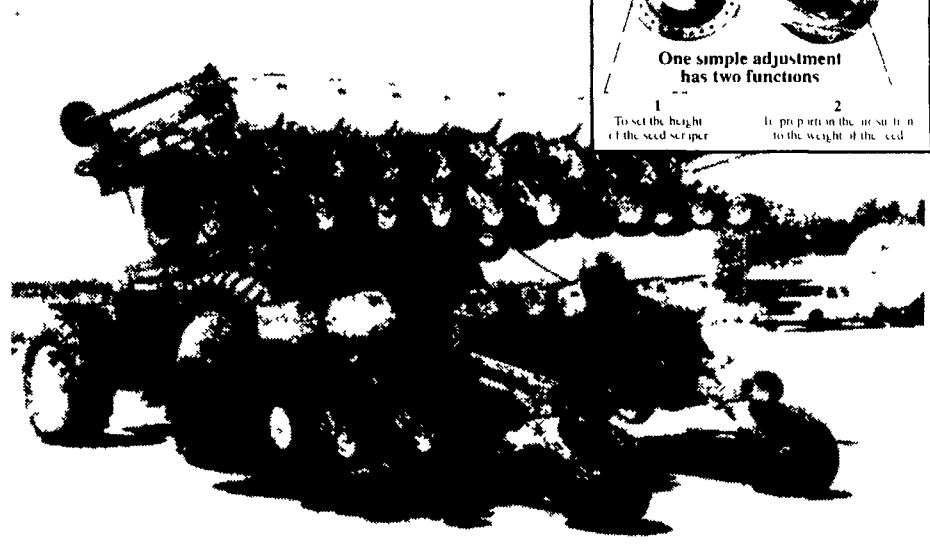
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