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Perigeaux Vineyards and Winery Celebrates Opening of New Tasting Room *Four-Year Project Showcases Award-Winning Wines in Vintage Farm Structure*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – May 15, 2012 – Perigeaux Vineyards and Winery is ready to offer a new experience in wine tasting amidst the bucolic beauty of southeastern Calvert County with a new tasting room set to open this month.

Perigeaux's award-winning wines will be featured in a restored farm structure with a tasting bar and a deck overlooking four vineyards. The new facility accommodates up to 30 visitors and includes retail space with works from local craftspeople and displays of the wine-making process and the winery's 31 national and international award medals.

"This is a huge expansion for us," said Perigeaux co-owner Mark Flemming. "The new tasting room provides a place for people to come enjoy the beauty of the countryside and some very good wine."

Flemming, an architect when he is not making wine, worked on the design and renovation of the building with the goal of preserving as much of the original rough-sawn wood structure as possible. The new space with its old-world charm will be available for events including live music, meetings, weddings and receptions.

The winery and vineyard, situated on Mackall Road between the Patuxent River and St. Leonard Creek, was established in April 2002 with the planting of its first 2,200 vines. Under the guidance of Flemming and co-owner John Behun, Perigeaux has grown over the last 10 years from the original vineyard to four estate vineyards encompassing eight acres of nearly 5,000 vines. Varieties grown at Perigeaux include merlot, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet

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franc, chardonnay, pinot gris, zinfandel and montepulciano.

Perigeaux offers wines under three labels from the grapes grown in its vineyards. From the first bottling of three cases in 2005, the winery now bottles 1,500 cases annually with a capacity of up to 2,500 cases. Flemming said Perigeaux will continue to expand and improve as it produces some of the best wines Southern Maryland has to offer.

To learn more, visit Perigeaux Vineyards and Winery online at www.perigeaux.com. Perigeaux is also part of the Patuxent Wine Trail, which features seven wineries throughout Calvert and St. Mary's counties. For more information, visit www.marylandwine.com. To learn about the many services the county offers the business community, contact the Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development at 410-535-4583, 800-331-9771 or 301-855-1880; by email at info@ecalvert.com, or on the web at www.ecalvert.com.

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