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## Sun, Sand, and Sipping at the Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival

*Kent Island Maryland* – Can you think of anything more fun and enjoyable than spending a beautiful sunny day on the sandy shores of the Chesapeake Bay sipping wine? We can't either, so plan to join us at the Inaugural Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival which will be held at Terrapin Nature Park, Stevensville, on May 31 and June 1, 2008. This is the weekend following Memorial Day and it should be the perfect weather for enjoying amazing wines from all over the state of Maryland.

Festival attendees will have an opportunity to discover the flavor of at least ten local Maryland wineries while enjoying music, food, and the beautiful meadow of Terrapin Nature Park that overlooks the Chesapeake Bay. Local food vendors will offer tasty food with a Chesapeake Bay flare and fine artists and crafters will showcase the best that the area has to offer. Whether you are a wine novice or experienced connoisseur, you won't want to miss this event.

When it comes to good tasting wine, Nappa Valley doesn't have anything on MD wines. "Grapes grown in the soils of Queen Anne's County and the Eastern Shore are unique and so is our wine. As the first winery in Queen Anne's County, we at Tilmon's Island are excited about the opportunity to share some of our fine Maryland wine with you at the Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival this spring," said Don Tilmon of Sudlersville.

"The commission is excited to support the upcoming Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival and as host, to be able to showcase our own emerging and vibrant wine industry," said Eric S. Wargotz, Commission President, Queen Anne's County. "It also provides us a great opportunity to show visitors to all that Queen Anne's County has to offer."

The festival is co-sponsored by the Maryland Wineries Association. This first ever wine festival for Queen Anne's County is being promoted and organized by Inspired Events. In addition to a portion of the proceeds going to Queen Annes County Parks and Recreation, a donation will be made to: Special Olympics Maryland, the American Cancer Society and the Michael J. Fox's Foundation for Parkinsons Research.

Advance tickets are available online and by mailing checks to: Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival, P.O. Box 925, Stevensville, MD 21666 (checks should be made payable to Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival). Advance tickets are \$17 each. Admission is free for children 12 and under. Groups of 10 or more are \$15 each when purchased in advance. Tickets for designated drivers and those under 21 are also \$10. Other tickets purchased on the day of the event are \$20. Vendor and sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information about the Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival, contact Inspired Events at (410) 200-6127, or check us out on the web at [www.ChesapeakeBayWineFestival.org](http://www.ChesapeakeBayWineFestival.org). CHEERS!

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