



ATLANTIC SEABOARD WINE ASSOCIATION®

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*Invitation to Participate in the
Fourteenth Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association® Wine Competition
August 4th and 5th 2018
The Marriott Tysons Corner, Tysons Corner, Virginia*

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Dear Wine Colleague:

We are pleased to inform you that the Fourteenth Annual Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association® (ASWA) Wine Competition has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 4th and 5th, at the Marriott Tysons Corner, Tysons Corner, Virginia under the established, professional management of the Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association®. We have changed venues and are excited about our new location. **ASWA is the largest U.S. wine competition focusing exclusively on East Coast Wines.**

The Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association® has since 1973 gained national and international recognition for activities promoting the growth and economic viability of the American wine industry. It has had a particular focus on the wine producing regions of the east coast, and in conducting fair and competent wine competitions. The purpose of this year's competition will be, as always, to judge the quality and marketability of Vinifera, Native American, and French Hybrid grape varieties including sweet wines, grown and produced in the Atlantic Seaboard states.

We also include ciders, mead and fruit wines. Please note the specific categories in the list of wine categories and the specifications in the guidelines.

You will find included with this letter an application for the wine competition and the guidelines. This information, as well as a list of the Categories, additional forms and shipping labels for the wine, are available for downloading from our web site: www.aswawines.org. You can also view on the web site the photo gallery showing the association's activities in prior years promoting east coast wines along with information on the association.

It is important to note that all wines entered into this competition will eventually be used in various public wine marketing and educational programs in several national venues. All due efforts will be given to publicizing and promoting the marketing opportunities of the competition's winning wines. We encourage your participation to further promote the wine producing regions of the East Coast.

(FYI: I will be out of the country through the first week of June, but will respond to any questions upon my return.)
In Vino Veritas,

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Competition Chairman

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