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Ohio Grape and Wine Industry Contributes Millions to State's Economy

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (May 27, 2014) –The Ohio wine and grape industry today released its 2012 Economic Impact report, which finds that Ohio's grape and wine industry has a significant impact of \$786 million on the state's economy, a 34 percent increase from the 2008 economic study released in 2010.

"Ohio's wine industry is growing and represents a significant segment of the state's \$105 billion food and agriculture industry," said Ohio Department of Agriculture Director David T. Daniels. "Ohio grape growers and wine makers all over the state are creating quality, award-winning products that rival those produced in well-known wine producing areas like California and Europe. The newly released 2012 Economic Impact Study is a great illustration of their success."

Highlights of the report include the following:

- The full economic impact of Ohio wine and grapes is \$786 million, a 34 percent increase from 2008.
- Provide 5,291 full-time jobs, with nearly 1,200 additional jobs created since 2008.
- In 2012, Ohio had 175 licensed wineries, up 41 percent from 2008.
- Ohio is the 7th largest wine producer in the country, producing 1.2 million gallons or more than a half-million cases of wine.
- Ohio is the 9th largest grape producer with just over 1,900 acres.
- 2.74 million people visit Ohio wineries annually.
- Ohio's wine, wine grape and allied industries generated \$46 million in federal taxes and \$41 million in state and local taxes in 2012.

The Economic Impact report was commissioned and funded by the Ohio Grape Industries Committee. A copy of the complete report can be found at <http://www.tasteohiowines.com/economic-impact-study.aspx>. The committee was created in 1982 and operates in-part through the Ohio Department of Agriculture, providing marketing and research opportunities to Ohio's wineries and vineyards. The committee helps increase consumer awareness of Ohio's modern, high-quality wine industry.

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