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Ficklin Vineyards is pleased to announce the release of the:

2000 Vintage Legacy Port...

Less than one barrel was bottled for this unique release of the 2000 Vintage Legacy Port. Carefully hand-crafted from the Tinta Madeira grape, all from one exceptional lot and one special barrel, this limited bottling exhibits the full and extraordinary character of this traditional Portuguese variety. In this very limited offering of only 100 bottles, we honor a legacy from founder David Ficklin and the character of the grape variety he loved and structured his wines around.

Three Special Bottlings were released in the early years of the winery, the 1951, the 1953, and the 1957 Vintage Ports. Each of these wines was based on 100% varietal composition of the Tinta Madeira grape, and the lovely fruit that exemplifies its signature. The Old Vine Tinta Port, the standard, by which all American Ports are judged,

revolves around a blend using 70 to 80% of the Tinta Madeira variety. It is easily seen that this grape variety has a special meaning to all of us here at the winery, and has become part of our legacy and heritage.

Create and share your Legacy...

Just as past generations have left a legacy for us to remember and enjoy, we must remember to be forward-looking to do the same for the future. We hope that you will commemorate an important event, perhaps for family, and it is with this wine, that we want you to someday look back, celebrate and remember. This is an exclusive and very limited Port selection created especially for PORTfolio Society members by Peter Ficklin. These bottles are being made for our very best friends - those of you who have loyally supported our events for many years. Currently plans are for **only one hundred labels, each bottle personalized**, especially for you.

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We ask that you contact us as quickly as possible with the quantity you would like to reserve in your name, or for someone else. Approximately **60 days will be required to create the personalized labels** and prepare these bottles, so please reserve yours prior to the May 1st deadline. A special Legacy Night is being planned for this release, and at this exclusive affair, Legacy Port purchasers will enjoy scrumptious hors d'oeuvres, listen to some great music and spend time with the Ficklin family.

Legacy Night is June 30th.

If you wish to take advantage of this offering, please contact the Ficklin Vineyards by phone or email. This offer is limited to Portfolio Society members only. The Portfolio Society price of each 750 ml. bottle is \$85.

Wine crafted and signed by Peter Ficklin.
Package design by Erin Donohue

Port Alert:

Found: Cases of Box 6 dated 4/2004. We would like to offer these to Portfolio members first, before to the general public. The wines are, 2001 Tinta Maderia, 2001 Tinta Cao, and 2001 Touriga. The price is \$30.60 a bottle for club members only, they can be bought individually. Visit the Tasting room for details.

MEA CULPA

As many Portfolio Society members know, we experienced growing pains at our last release party. The long lines to pick up the latest release, purchase a bottle or two, or even sample some ports frustrated quite a few of you. In a recent e-mail message we said we were sorry with an offer of a free bottle of one of the new flavored ports if members dropped by the tasting room. Many of you have done so and will have been told about the measures we've taken to keep those problems from occurring again.

We've finished our re-wiring project and can now accommodate five registers, each with credit card readers and receipt printers, so there should be no waiting to place orders.

Orders will be picked up as they are placed, with only one transaction in one location. Again, no waiting.

We are planning a two-day event. The club's growth makes it impossible to get everyone in on the same day. We will be offering members their choice of dates until the first day is fully booked. The next release parties are scheduled for:

April 27 and 28, 2007

The tasting tables will be spread out to accommodate our guests with greater ease.

We're bringing in more staff.

We thank you all for your patience and urge you to enjoy the next party with a little more elbow room.

With gratitude,

The Ficklin Team:

Peter, Wes, Linda, Lisa and the gang.



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Ficklin Vineyards 2007 Event Schedule

February 10 and 11, 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. Madera Vintner's Assn. Wine & Chocolate Weekend

April 27 and 28, FICKLIN VINEYARDS' 12th PORTfolio Release Party

May 18 and 19, 3:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M. Madera Vintner's Assn. Spring Wine Trail Adventure

June 30 6:00 to 9:00 P. M. FICKLIN VINEYARDS' LEGACY RELEASE PARTY

October (date to be determined) FICKLIN VINEYARDS' 13th PORTfolio Release Party

November 10 and 11, 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M., Madera Vintner's Assn. Holiday Wine Trail Adventure



RASPBERRY PASSPORT AND CHOCOLATE PASSPORT

Our tasting room crew reports that these two new port entries are off to a hot start! The Fresno Bee recently featured them in an article about dessert wines and, in fact, reprinted some of the drink recipes from the back labels.

They are selling on the shelves at anywhere from \$9.99 to \$13.99.

Here are a few of the recipes:



Don't Tell Mama: 1 part lemon vodka and 2 parts Raspberry Passport with a splash of sparkling wine.

Good Night Nurse: 1 part brandy or cognac and 2 parts Raspberry Passport.

Happy Night: 1 part Amaretto and 2 parts Raspberry Passport.

Downhill Racer: 3 parts Chocolate Passport, 1 part Peppermint Schnapps, 1 part vanilla cognac.

Chocolate Well Dressed: 1 ounce Chocolate Passport in a glass of sparkling wine.

Birthday Cake: 1 part vanilla cognac and 3 parts Chocolate Passport.

Our tasting room team's favorite: (Ed Note: Catch the Passport Ladies at one of our events to get the mixing action!) Chocolate Raspberry Truffle: Equal parts Chocolate and Raspberry Passport

Note: A few people have questioned the reason that our new flavored ports don't actually have the word "port" on the label. We hasten to tell you we didn't make a marketing mistake. The new federal wine label regulations effective January, 2007, do not allow the use of the word "port" for new products unless they actually come from Portugal. The laws don't affect labels that were approved before Spring of 2006.

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Membership Application

Portfolio
Society

Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Billing address _____

Shipping address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Credit Card # _____

As a member of the Ficklin Vineyards Portfolio society **I agree to purchase two (2) Portfolio Society Release Sets within a on year period of time.** Upon purchasing the first two available Release Sets, I will remain a member with full membership rights and obligations until I request my membership be cancelled in writing at least one week before a Portfolio Society Release is made. In addition to agreeing to purchase the first two Release Sets, I am entitled to a 20% discount on all WINES purchased at the winery, and discounted rated for other special events hosted by Ficklin Vineyards. Ficklin Vineyards will notify me before each set is released as to the contents and price of each boxed set. By signing below, I permit Ficklin Vineyards to charge my credit card for each set. I agree that I am at least 21 years of age, and understand that all shipments must be received by someone at least 21 years of age.

Signature _____ Date _____

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