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LÉAL VINEYARDS WINS TWO VITICULTURAL AWARDS AND A GOLD MEDAL AT CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR

Sacramento, CA: 2004 Léal Vineyards has been awarded two Viticulture awards and a Gold Medal for the 2004 Estate Merlot at the 2006 California State Fair. All wines were tasted blind and judged solely on the merits of what's in the bottle by the panel of judges. Léal Owner Frank Léal was very pleased with the results: "It is an honor to receive such accolades for the work that we've put into this vineyard since 1998. The gold medal awards are nice, however they are a true testament to the fact that you can't make great wine out of mediocre grapes..."

The viticulture awards were presented for Single Vineyard Grape grower and Estate Vineyard Manager. The California State Fair recognizes the agricultural contribution of single vineyard wine grape growers and vineyard managers for award winning wines. This viticulture contribution is recognized, with award certificates to Léal Vineyards for the single vineyard grape grower since the wine carries an estate bottled designation on its label.

Only 2,000 cases of the Léal Vineyards 2004 Merlot were produced. It is available directly from the winery and at select restaurants and retailers for California suggested retail of \$24.

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Léal Vineyards is the creation of owner Frank Léal. His motto? "Phat wines – no pretense." The mission is to fashion truly exceptional wines that appeal to connoisseur and novice alike. The scenic 45-acre Léal estate grows San Benito County – appellation Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Syrah, Grenache, and Mourvèdre. Nestled in the rolling foothills of Hollister in California's Central Coast region, the winery was hand built in 1999 with an eye to both tradition and cutting-edge technique. The property boasts a welcoming Tasting Room, open daily, and Lavánda (lavender in Portuguese), a state-of-the-art event and wedding facility. The winery's on-line home is LealVineyards.com – a fun, informative website that reflects Frank's dedicated yet irreverent approach to crafting world-class vintages. Léal Vineyards: "Fine Wines and Good Times...It's the Shiznit!"

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