

# NEWS RELEASE

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**BRIAR VALLEY**  
VINEYARD & WINERY

## *Briar Valley to Plant New Vineyard - Today and Tomorrow*

Bedford, PA – Briar Valley Vineyard and Winery is pleased to announce the planting of a new vineyard, Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> at the family farm in Everett, PA. Owned by Tod & Jean Manspeaker and Brian & Janet Manspeaker, the farm was purchased by Tod and Brian's parents in 1950. After raising quarter horses at the farm for decades, the property will now be the home of Briar Valley's newest vineyard, the first machine-planted vineyard in Bedford County, consisting of 10,000 plants. The varieties of grapes to be planted include Chardonnay, Riesling, Gewurztraminer, Pino Gris, Viognier, Lemberger, Merlot, Cab Franc, and Petite Verdot. The grapes will be made into the French and German varieties of wine which have won awards for Briar Valley Winery.

The media is invited to watch the planting, speak with the owners, and photograph or videotape this unique process this week. **(The Best time to come is Mid-Morning or later on Wednesday or Thursday before noon)**

### **Directions:**

From the Rt. 30 Bypass toward Everett:

As the bypass ends, take the Everett Exit (Business Rt. 30) and bear right.

Directly across from Down River Golf Course, Turn Right onto Stein Road.

The Vineyard (Farm – white farm house & barn) is one mile ahead on the left  
(Look for vines, machines, etc).

(Please see page two for background information, and for additional information, call or e-mail Tod Manspeaker using the contact information above.)

## **About Briar Valley Vineyard & Winery**

Briar Valley Vineyard & Winery is located in historic Bedford, Pennsylvania at the foot of the Allegheny Mountains. We are unique, in that we are the first winery in Bedford and the surrounding counties to produce all vinifera wines styled after classic European wines. We are dedicated to remaining a small boutique winery concentrating on premium quality and craftsmanship.

At an elevation of 1,200 feet, the original vineyard is located on a southeastern slope and possesses the terrain that is highly favorable to the growth of premium vinifera grapes. Thus far the vineyard is comprised of Chardonnay, Riesling, Gewürztraminer, Cabernet Franc and Lemberger.

Briar Valley invites you to visit the winery to experience the pleasure of tasting our wines. Briar Valley produces wines that can be enjoyed by both casual and devoted wine enthusiasts alike. Visit the new tasting room at 107 East Pitt Street in Downtown Bedford. Tasting Room Hours: Tues-Fri, Noon-5pm, Sat-Mon, Noon-5pm.

### **Award-Winning Wines:**

Briar Valley Wines have been recognized with many awards:

PA Wine Association  
Pennsylvania Farm Show  
Finger Lakes Competition  
International Eastern Wine Competition  
Grand Harvest Awards  
Atlantic Seaboard Competition  
San Francisco Chronicle

**For more information, Call: 814-623-0900**

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