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## **Vinology's Kristin Jonna to judge Michigan Wine & Spirits Competition August 4 in East Lansing**

July 16, 2009, Ann Arbor, MICHIGAN – Kristin Jonna, a co-owner of Ann Arbor's Vinology Wine Bar and Restaurant, will serve as one of 22 judges selected for the 2009 Michigan Wine & Spirits Competition, set for Aug. 4, at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing.

This is the third time she has judged the event, which is sponsored by the Michigan Wine Industry. Her father and a co-owner of Vinology, John Jonna has also judged the competition three times. Both Kristin and John Jonna are certified wine specialists.

Kristin Jonna said she has much to gain by participating in The Michigan Wine & Spirits Competition. "It helps me to identify outstanding wines from Michigan in each vintage," she said. "It allows me to identify the overall wine style of Michigan as a region and an area with unique terroir. It gives me the chance to connect with Michigan growers and other local enthusiasts and it helps me hone my blind tasting skills."

The event shines a light on Michigan-made wines. "The industry is growing so quickly and in the right ways," Kristin added. "Better growers, more developed plots of land, investment in proper equipment – all of this will result in lower prices for better wines."

The father-daughter team behind Vinology believe the experience of learning about and drinking wine should be an accessible, easily enjoyable one. They draw both novices and wine experts to Vinology by hosting such special events as *Summer Patio Tastings* where guests can sample the best summer wines in the open-air. The tastings are set for **Thursday July 23, 30 and Aug. 13**.

In addition, Vinology offers daily **Happy Hour** specials including half-off wines by-the-glass, \$3 pints of beer and more from 4-6 p.m. and from 9 p.m. to close on Wednesdays. Every **Sunday** from 4-10 p.m., guests can enjoy **50 percent off 50 wines**.

Vinology is located at 110 S. Main Street, south of Huron, in Ann Arbor. Call (734) 222-9760 or visit [www.vinowinebars.net](http://www.vinowinebars.net).

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