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**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess &
Ulster Counties to Benefit from Grand Reserve Tasting Event**

Wineracks.com, sponsor of the 4th Annual Hudson Valley Wine Fest at Greig Farm in Red Hook, September 9th-11th, is pleased to announce that proceeds from their Grand Reserve Tasting held in conjunction with the Fest will benefit educational programs of Cornell Cooperative Extension of both Dutchess and Ulster Counties. The Grand Reserve Tasting, Friday September 9 from 6 to 9 pm, kicks off the 2005 Hudson Valley Wine and Food Fest with pourings of award-winning Reserve Vintages by some of the top wineries in New York State. These vintages are not available to the general public, and in most cases will not be available at any other time during the festival weekend. Music, dancing and hors doeuvre, specially prepared by some of the areas finest restaurants to compliment the Reserve Vintages are just some of what this evening under the stars has to offer. A silent and live auction with George Cole of George Cole Auctions in Red Hook will offer a stunning array of items ranging from original artwork by local artists, to getaways in the Grand Canary Islands and Telluride, Colorado, to a customized home landscape design and planting. Tickets to the Grand Reserve Tasting are \$100 per person and include a weekend pass to the Fest. Seating is limited and all tickets must be purchased in advance by calling 888-687-2517 or by visiting the Hudson Valley Wine Fest website: www.HudsonValleyWineFest.com.

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