



**ETCETERA  
MAY 2017**



#### **ACCOLADES FOR BARBOURSVILLE**

Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate* recently awarded 90+ Points to Barboursville's Nebbiolo Reserve 2014, 92 Points to Paxxito 2013, 90 Points to Octagon 2014 and Viognier Reserve 2015, and 89 Points to Cabernet Franc Reserve 2014, Petit Verdot Reserve 2014, and Vermentino Reserve 2015. Wow!

Alson, Chicago's *Beverage Testing Institute* returned ratings of 92 Points for Barboursville Octagon 2014 and 91 Points for Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2014, while *Wine Spectator* awarded 91 Points to Octagon 2012 and 90 Points to Cabernet Franc 2014.



#### **TURPIN TO HEAD VIRGINIA WINE COUNCIL**

Jim Turpin has been appointed as VWC's Executive Director. Owner of Democracy Vineyards and a seasoned lobbyist, Turpin has a long and active history with the Virginia wine industry.

The Virginia Wine Council serves as the wine industry's representative on legislative and regulatory issues pertaining to winery and vineyard activity, providing value to Virginia's booming wine industry through education and advocacy efforts. Ben Rowe continues as VWC Managing Director.



## **SOMMELIERS' GOLD TO NARMADA**

Narmada Winery was awarded a gold medal for Narmada Melange 2014 at the TexSom International Wine Awards which features a judging panel that includes no fewer than 34 Master Sommeliers and Masters of Wine. There were over 3000 entries from around the world, sampled by 67 judges.

The Cabernet Sauvignon-dominant blend includes the four classic Bordeaux varietals and is made with 100% Virginia grapes. Narmada Melange shows lively fruit-forward flavors of plum, currant and blackberry seasoned by spicy oak and polished tannin.  
[www.narmadawinery.com](http://www.narmadawinery.com)



## **SAVORING VIRGINIA'S WINES AND FOODS**

The Fifth Annual Virginia Wine Summit for wine and food professionals will take place on May 16 at the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville. The trade event is a celebration of Virginia's wine and food culture and an opportunity for Virginia winemakers,

national beverage professionals and wine writers to interact. It is sponsored by the Virginia Wine Marketing Office ([www.virginiawine.org](http://www.virginiawine.org)).