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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DR. NORTON

A new monument to Dr. Daniel Norton who originated the grape that bears his name, will be dedicated on January 23, the 175th anniversary of his birth. Funds for the marker were raised by Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery in Richmond where Dr. Norton is buried.

Thomas Jefferson had attempted without success to find a grape that could produce a wine similar to the libations produced in the Old World. In the final years of Jefferson's life, Dr. Norton was experimenting with crossbreeding in his Richmond, Virginia lab and while working with the Norton vine discovered that it was well suited for growth in Virginia soil. A US wine grape had been discovered!



MOST ADMIRED AWARD TO BARBOURSVILLE

Vineyard and Winery Management magazine has named Barbooursville Vineyards one of the 20 most admired Wine Tasting Rooms and Experiences. Selected by industry professionals nationwide, the winners were selected for varied reasons, including ambiance to food pairings.

The winning wineries demonstrated a distinct brand of professionalism when it comes to inviting visitors to their property. They hail from all parts of the country and offer all types of wine, food, education, events and adventure.



WINE BARRELS FOR SALE

Boxwood Winery in Middleburg has 36 used French Bordeaux barrels for sale, 3 and 4 fills. Prices range \$125 to \$200; FOB Middleburg. If interested, email rem@boxwoodwinery.com



NARMADA TAKES THE GOLD

Pandit and Sudha Patil (center), owners of Narmada Winery in Amissville accept a Gold Medal certificate for Narmada Melange 2014 in the Atlantic Seaboard Wine Competition. The winning wine is a meritage-style blend of cabernet sauvignon and merlot.

The December 15 gala ceremony on Capitol Hill was hosted by the Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association and the Congressional Wine Caucus.



EARLY MOUNTAIN RELEASES PET-NATS

The winemaking team at Early Mountain Vineyards has an exciting new offering of experimental wines, including two pet-nat wines and a nouveau style wine. In addition, a 2013 Brut Sparkling was made in conjunction with Claude Thibaut of Thibaut-Janisson Winery and has just been released for sale.

Maya Hood White, Vineyard Manager & Enologist, has a passion for pétillant-naturel, or pet-nat, and has been experimenting with variations, making Early Mountain the first Virginia vineyard to produce a pet-nat. This year, two pet-nats bottled in October, along with a young wine made by winemaker Ben Jordan, are now available: **Pétillant Natural-White Blend** (56% Sauvignon Blanc//43% Petit Manseng/1% Malvasia Bianca) **Pétillant Natural** - Rosé of Syrah (100%) **Young Wine** - Red Wine (100% Syrah from Quaker Run)