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**CHATHAM HILL WINERY WINS *BEST OF CATEGORY* AT
SECOND ANNUAL ATLANTIC SEABOARD WINE COMPETITION**

Morrisville, N.C. (September 14, 2006) – Chatham Hill Winery’s 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon earns Best of Category at the Atlantic Seaboard Wine Competition. Nearly 300 wines from eight states were entered in the competition, which was sponsored by the Vinifera Wine Growers Association and held in July in Virginia.

The Atlantic Seaboard Wine Competition was inaugurated in 2005 to showcase the growth in numbers and quality of the wine industry in the Eastern United States. Its purpose is also to promote market and consumer awareness and appreciation of these wines, as well as establish a public perception that the East Coast is a wine producing region equal to that of the West Coast.

Of the 10 North Carolina wineries that entered, Chatham Hill had the only wine with a Best of Category win. This is the first North Carolina wine to win for a Cabernet Sauvignon and puts North Carolina wine on the map with a true “serious” wine. While Virginia wines have always made their mark in the wine world, it is with this win that North Carolina and Chatham Hill take center stage in the emerging East Coast wine explosion.

In addition to winning the prestigious Best of Category for its 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon, Chatham Hill also took home silver for its 2004 Merlot and a bronze for its 2003 Chardonnay. One of only two wineries in North Carolina that brought home four awards.

Chatham Hill Winery, located in Morrisville/Cary, North Carolina just south of the Raleigh/Durham Airport, is a warm and welcoming venue where guests can tour the area’s only winery and taste award winning wines. A popular venue for hosting corporate events, weddings and rehearsal parties, Chatham Hill Winery produces 6000 cases of wine annually. For information on Chatham Hill Winery, please visit www.chathamhillwine.com or call 1-800-808-6768.