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**DAMARISCOTTA RIVER GRILL EARNS WINE SPECTATOR'S "AWARD OF EXCELLENCE" AND SLOT IN MAGAZINE'S "BEST WINE LISTS OF 2008" FEATURE**

***Restaurant to hold weekly wine tasting events in August to celebrate Wine Spectator honors***

**Damariscotta, ME** – Damariscotta River Grill ([www.damariscottarivergrill.com](http://www.damariscottarivergrill.com)) has earned *Wine Spectator's* coveted "Award of Excellence" designation, announced in the magazine's August issue, which saluted the restaurant's impressive wine list and variety of selections. Known for its consumer-friendly Old and New World wine selections and for its consistently active Wine Club, Damariscotta River Grill was specifically applauded in *Wine Spectator's* "Best Wine Lists of 2008" piece for featuring inexpensive wine pricing options.

Owned and operated by husband-and-wife team Chef Rick Hirsch and General Manager Jean Kerrigan, Damariscotta River Grill is situated in scenic mid-coast Maine, and is known for its top-notch cuisine and wine offerings. "We were thrilled to receive word from Wine Spectator that we had earned their Award of Excellence," noted Chef Rick Hirsch. "We care so much about the variety of wines we offer at our restaurants – not just for meals each day, but at our special Damariscotta Wine Club wine dinners, as well."



"Membership in our Wine Club has been growing each year, and that has been really exciting for us to watch," added Kerrigan. "It's a lot of fun at our wine dinners to sit down with everyone from experienced wine connoisseurs to guests to are new to the 'world of wine,' and watch everyone connect over so many wonderful varietals from around the world."

The team at Damariscotta River Grill will be celebrating its "Award of Excellence" citation from *Wine Spectator* by hosting a series of related wine tastings every Wednesday evening throughout the month of August from 4:30 – 6:00 pm. Four wines and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be featured at each event, and all proceeds from the events will benefit the Lincoln County Community Energy Fund. **For additional information, call (207) 563-2992.**

**Schedule of August Celebratory Wine Tastings:**

- August 6<sup>th</sup>: "Celebrate with Sparkles" (\$10)
- August 13<sup>th</sup>: "Celebrate with Chardonnay" (\$12)
- August 20<sup>th</sup>: "Celebrate with Pinot Noir" (\$12)
- August 27<sup>th</sup>: "Celebrate Around the World" (\$12)

**About the Damariscotta River Grill:**

Since its successful launch in 2003, the Damariscotta River Grill ([www.damariscottarivergrill.com](http://www.damariscottarivergrill.com)) has firmly established itself as a welcome addition to the coastal Maine dining scene. Owned and operated by husband-and-wife team Rick Hirsch (Executive Chef) and Jean Kerrigan (General Manager), the popular restaurant has been a favorite of locals, summer visitors and vacationing celebrities alike. Guests enjoy the restaurant's traditional Clam Chowder and its hearty Beef and White Bean Chili as much as its Maine Shrimp Bruschetta, fresh Lobster Cakes and succulent Pork Osso Buco.

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