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**Heron Hill Dry Riesling Named Top 100 Values of the Year by Wine & Spirits Magazine**

May 19, 2014 (Hammondsport, NY) – The June 2014 cover of *Wine & Spirits* magazine features Heron Hill Winery's 2012 Classic Dry Riesling recognizing the wine as one of the "100 Top Value Wines of the year for \$15 or less." The wine was the only east coast label illustrated on the cover of this popular annual buying guide. Along with highlighting the Classic Dry Riesling, *Wine & Spirits* also named Heron Hill a value brand of the year.

*Wine & Spirits* magazine first rated Heron Hill's 2012 Dry Riesling with 92 points in April 2014, describing it "with its scents of lime blossom, this brisk, saline Riesling seems to have an edge sharpened to a point – until you taste it. That's when the wine's creamy middle takes it to new levels of breadth and complexity, generous and full, before returning to a punctual finish." This Riesling melds grapes sourced from the west side of Seneca Lake and Cayuga Lake. Bernard Cannac, Heron Hill's head winemaker since 2009, crafted the wine -- producing approximately 1300 cases. Cannac explains, "the lots were fermented separately and selected for their elegance and mineral expressions, well suited for a dry Riesling."

"The magazine's artful illustrations are eye-catching and inviting. We were especially pleased to see this wine recommended with Atlantic seafood. As summer approaches, paired with grilled fish or clams seems like the perfect way to enjoy this bottle of cool-climate Riesling!" says Eric D. Frarey, chief operating officer & sales director for Heron Hill.

All wines submitted to *Wine & Spirits* are blind-tasted by screening panels, who are asked to determine which wines stand out as being better than average for their variety and appellation. These panels, conducted by *Wine & Spirits* staff, are composed of retailers, sommeliers, winemakers and other wine professionals.

Heron Hill has been committed to excellence in winemaking since 1977. Owners John & Josephine Ingle's appreciation and fascination with Riesling has only continued to deepen since planting their first vines on the west side of Canandaigua Lake in 1972. Year after year, Heron Hill Winery situated on a slate hillside overlooking scenic Keuka Lake, produces multiple styles of award-winning Riesling from dry and mineral-forward to ethereal icewines. Later this year Heron Hill will release a single-vineyard Riesling series, with representation from five different Finger Lakes, to exhibit the wondrous influence of growers and terroir on one vintage.

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