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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Payette Client Captures Top Honors**

Under the tutelage of Tom Payette, international winemaking consultant and second generation Emile Peynaud student, Fox Meadow's 2008 Le Renard Rouge captured top honors at the 2011 Virginia Governor's Cup wine competition. This award marks the 16<sup>th</sup> "Best in Show" won by wineries under Payette's direction over the past twenty-five years! Fox Meadow's 2008 Le Renard Rouge won the coveted 2011 Governor's Cup Award for red wines, considered the most prestigious award bestowed on a Virginia wine. Le Renard Rouge was selected from a pool of 196 entries from across the Commonwealth. In addition to winning top honors in 2011, this is the third consecutive year Fox Meadow's Le Renard Rouge has taken Gold in this competition.

Tom Payette is a winemaking consultant based in Rapidan, Virginia. With over 25 years of winemaking experience he assists clients with winery design and set-up, still and sparkling winemaking, and general winery issues. He serves clients throughout the United States, Canada and Spain. Mr. Payette can be contacted at 540-672-0387.

Fox Meadow is located at 2210 Freezeland Road in Linden Virginia and is currently open 7 days a week, Monday through Friday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm and on weekends from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. For more information contact the winery at 540-636-6777.

The 2011 Virginia Governor's Cup competition, established in 1982, is sponsored annually by the Virginia Wineries Association (VWA) and is open to Virginia appellation wines that use 95% or greater fruit grown in Virginia. The VWA's mission is to actively encourage and support the production, quality, promotion and appreciation of Virginia wines.

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