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*Sip it and Rip It!*  
***Monterey Wine Country's Annual Golf Tournament Kicks off May 9, 2011***

(Monterey, CA)—March 24, 2011— Calling all golf lovers who have a passion for Monterey County wines! The **Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association** (MCVGA) will host the annual **Monterey Wine Country Golf Tournament** at the **Corral de Tierra Country Club** on **May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**.

As a qualifying site for the U.S. Open, **Corral de Tierra Country Club** offers perfect terrain for this exciting yet challenging day on the green. “We are so excited to host the tournament at the Corral de Tierra Country Club. For over 50 years, the Country Club has been dedicated to excellence in golf and dining. John Steinbeck and his sister, Mary, played at the base of Castle Rock, ‘fence of the earth’ giving Corral de Tierra its Spanish name. The beautiful valley, where Corral de Tierra Country Club resides, inspired Steinbeck’s short stories and California-based novels” says **Rhonda Motil**, Executive Director of the MCVGA.

The annual Monterey Wine Country Golf Tournament will include: world-class fairways, gifts for participants, gourmet food, and of course, Monterey County wine. The event will also end with a one-of-a-kind awards party that you won’t want to miss. This all inclusive event is **\$195 for all golfers** and if you don’t play golf or have friends and family who don’t, you can still participate at the awards reception, taste some of the Monterey County’s famous wines and enjoy a culinary feast for only **\$85 per person**. Registration and lunch begin at **11:00am** followed by the Shotgun Start at **12:30pm**. Immediately following the tournament, the reception will begin at **5:00pm**.

Make your reservation today to play in this annual event by calling: (831) 375-9400. For information about the two hundreds vineyards of Monterey County and over 100 brands go to [www.montereywines.org](http://www.montereywines.org). For information about the Corral de Tierra’s Country Club and golf course go to [www.corraldetierracc.com](http://www.corraldetierracc.com)

**About MCVGA**

The Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association (MCVGA) partners with community members to promote and support leadership in the art, the science, and the business of wine. Founded in 1974, MCVGA is a non-profit organization representing over 80 vintners and growers in Monterey, California. For additional information, please visit [www.montereywines.org](http://www.montereywines.org) or call (831) 375-9400.

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