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**THE RED LION INN RECEIVES
WINE SPECTATOR AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Stockbridge, Mass. (March 2009) – The Red Lion Inn has been awarded *Wine Spectator* magazine's Award of Excellence for the tenth consecutive year. The award recognizes a commitment to fine wine characterized by lists that usually have at least 50 selections from better wine producers, have a thematic match to the menu in style and price and that are presented in a clear and accurate way.

In recent years The Red Lion Inn has made an extraordinary effort to expand and refine its wine list under the direction of noted Sommelier Daniel Thomas. Oenophiles will discover a variety of hard-to-find wines, as well as a strong selection of French Bordeaux, and vintages dating to 1970. The Inn currently has 3500 bottles of wine in its wine cellar, spanning some 230 selections.

The expanded wine list complements the Inn's contemporary regional cuisine. Executive Chef Brian J. Alberg, hand-selects ingredients from local farmers and tailors his menu around the growing season. Alberg and Thomas create specialized wine dinners throughout the year, ranging from a particular winemaking region to a notable culinary theme or the celebration of a seasonal harvest.

The centuries old Red Lion Inn is open daily for lunch and dinner. Reservations are requested. Please telephone (413) 298-5545, or request information online at: www.redlioninn.com.

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