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## **Orchard Country Winery & Market Celebrates Peninsula State Park's Centennial: Release of 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Collectible Lighthouse Bottle**

In celebration of Peninsula State Park's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Orchard Country Winery & Market uncorks the second in a series of limited edition lighthouse wine during an open house on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The unique blend of Riesling grapes and Door County Montmorency cherries arrives once again in a blue lighthouse-shaped bottle whose label this time around features a Jack Anderson painting of the Peninsula State Park's Eagle Bluff Lighthouse. The Open House is scheduled for 10 am – 5 pm.

"We picked this date because it is a great time to visit the peninsula and partake in the splendor of the blossoming orchards and wildflowers," said Carrie Viste, co-manager of Orchard Country. "Also, everyone loves a lighthouse and Door County has more lighthouses than any other county in the United States. The unveiling of this blend and this unique bottle honors both the 2009 centennial of the park and one of the county's most cherished traditions-lighthouses."

The selection of an Anderson painting to grace Orchard Country's second collectible lighthouse wine label was an appropriate choice. A full-time Door County resident since 1986, the watercolorist is inspired by the county's natural beauty; his paintings reflect his passion for peninsula.

One of a series of four lighthouses Anderson painted in 2007, Eagle Bluff Lighthouse is particularly special to the artist. "There is a certain nostalgia about the Peninsula State Park lighthouse, a unique history based on its location," said Anderson. "I am honored to have my painting selected for the label, how nice."

Open House visitors are invited to "Meet the Artist" from 10 am – noon when Anderson will sign his artwork featured on the newly released bottles. Keepsake labels will also be available for purchase from the 1<sup>st</sup> Door County Lighthouse wine of the series.

One of the county's original "farms," Orchard Country is an old world blending of winery, tasting room, and country market surrounded by acres of fruit laden trees and vines. Along with father Bob Lautenbach, Viste and her sister Erin Lautenbach own and operate the fourth-generation farm orchard that is consistently recognized for its award-winning fruit wines, refreshing ciders, and wide selection of home-made Door County products.

Over the past 50 years, quality fruit products have become the hallmark of Orchard Country. Complimentary product tastings will be offered to visitors during the open house along with free guided tours of the winery and grounds at 11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm. Orchard Country's line of Sartori Cheeses will be featured from 11 am – 3 pm and visitors can enter the drawing for a lighthouse gift package valued at over \$100. Including a bottle of Door County Lighthouse wine from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> series, along with Door County Trolley Lighthouse Tour tickets, the raffle drawing will take place over Lighthouse Walk Weekend- Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 3PM.

“We are so pleased to feature a local artist and Jack Anderson was a great choice for our 2<sup>nd</sup> of the series. It is a wonderful showcase for his love of lighthouses,” said Viste. “I hope our guests will enjoy the new blend and the lighthouse-shaped keepsake bottle. It is about taking home a bit of Door County.”

Jack Anderson’s original artwork and prints are available for purchase at Cottage Row Framing & Gallery located in the historic barn behind the Orchard Country Winery & Market. Orchard Country is open daily from 9 – 5 pm. Orchard Country Winery & Market, located at 9197 Highway 42 just south of Fish Creek, is open year round. Visit the website [www.orchardcountry.com](http://www.orchardcountry.com) for additional information.

# *Orchard Country Winery Celebrates New Release Door County Lighthouse Wine*

**This unique wine, a blend of Riesling grapes and Door County Montmorency cherries, arrives in a blue lighthouse-shaped bottle whose label features a Kathy Glasnap painting.**

**“We picked this date because it is Door County’s annual Lighthouse Walk weekend and a wonderful opportunity to share in one of the peninsula’s most cherished traditions,” said Carrie Viste, co-manager of Orchard Country.**

**“Everyone loves a lighthouse and Door County has more lighthouses than any other county in the United States. The unveiling of this blend and this unique bottle honors both the 2008 sesquicentennial of the Town of Gibraltar and the Pottawatomie Lighthouse on Rock Island.”**

The selection of a Glasnap painting to grace Orchard Country's lighthouse wine bottle label was an appropriate choice. A watercolorist, the artist began painting Door County's landscapes and lighthouses in 1995. Glasnap's paintings are exceptional for their gentle beauty, intricate designs, flair, nostalgic charm and sensitivity.

"I just love knowing my painting will be enjoyed by so many people," smiled Glasnap of her new art form. "And it was fun planning the label. The oval shape was perfect for this painting and the sky's shade of blue is perfect for the blue of the bottle."

"We are so pleased to feature a local artist and Kathy Glasnap was the perfect choice. It is a wonderful showcase for her love of lighthouses," said Viste. "I hope our guests will enjoy the new blend and the lighthouse-shaped keepsake bottle. It is about taking home a bit of Door County."

Kathy Glasnap's original artwork and prints are available for purchase at Cottage Row Framing & Gallery located in the historic barn behind the Orchard Country Winery & Market.







*Meet*  
*Local Artist*  
*Kathy Glasnap*

*Bottle Signing*  
*Today*

**10 AM-12PM**

