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ASTER RESTAURANT OWNER HUMP ASTORGA PARTNERS WITH CHRYSALIS VINEYARDS

Hump Astorga, former chef/owner of the critically acclaimed Aster restaurant, in Middleburg, VA, has joined forces with Jennifer McCloud, owner of Chrysalis Vineyards, as Director of Hospitality & Culinary Operations for the vineyard and winery. Mr. Astorga brings his 18 years of diversified food industry experience to one of Virginia's leading wineries and rural enterprises.

"When you're in a wine shop you know our product as a bottle of wine. But when you visit Chrysalis Vineyards our product is really hospitality - providing you with an exceptional and memorable experience. Hump understands this completely, and adds a deep level of experience and commitment to this goal", explained McCloud.

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Chrysalis Vineyards' main vineyard and winery facility is located at Locksley Estate in Middleburg, VA. Other rural enterprise activities at the estate include the Locksley Estate Farmstead Cheese Company (commencing cheese production in early 2008), specialty vegetable production, grape seed oils and wine vinegars, along with plans for a brick oven to craft artisan breads. "The presentation of our farm's products will be immeasurably enhanced under Hump Astorga's skilled and watchful eye", said McCloud.

Commenting on the new association, Astorga said, "Since Aster's closing, the search for my next step had been contingent on finding the 'right fit'. After considering many options, it was clear to both Jenni and me, that joining forces with Chrysalis Vineyards was the right path to be on. Our common desire, to provide our guests with a Total Experience, has led us to this venture".

Explaining further about the potential in their relationship, McCloud and Astorga pointed out that with culinary and service excellence as their goal, their guests will experience the quality they have come to know in Chrysalis Vineyards wines, and like Aster, cuisine which will exceed the expectations of the most demanding of gourmands.