

**For Immediate Release:**

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Port of Wines Festival Uncorks  
Wines from around the World**

**Halifax, October 2, 2009** – The Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation (NSLC) is hosting its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Port of Wines Festival. Last night, the festival kicked off with the Winemakers Dinner in support of Symphony Nova Scotia. More than 600 attendees enjoyed an evening of fine food paired with award winning wines, music by the entire Symphony Nova Scotia and a silent auction.

“This is an opportunity for us give to back to the community, to support Nova Scotia talent and to let our customers taste and explore some of the finest wines in the world,” said Rick Perkins, Vice President, Communications and Corporate Responsibility.

The Port of Wines Festival is one of the leading premiere wine events in North America. The festival attracts the finest wines and winemakers from around the world. With more than 4,000 attendees annually, the festival provides attendees with an opportunity to experience and enjoy wine from 12 different countries. This year’s festival will showcase 340 wines, with 37 winning awards in 54 categories, selected by a panel of industry experts. Each year the festival shines a spotlight on one country and this year it is New Zealand. There are 50 wines from New Zealand available to sample and savour and 40 wines are new to Nova Scotia.

The Port of Wines Grand Tastings will be held today and tomorrow (October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) from 1:00pm – 4:00 pm and from 7:00 pm-10:00 pm. Tickets are still available at select NSLC retail stores in the HRM. For additional information and a complete list of wines at this year’s festival please visit [www.theNSLC.com](http://www.theNSLC.com) under ‘Events’.

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**About the NSLC**

The Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation, the fourth largest business and largest single banner retailer in Nova Scotia, generates more than a half billion dollars of revenue a year generating almost \$200 million profit annually. It employs more than 1,500 Nova Scotians, offering 5,900 products from around the globe through 161 retail locations and 2,100 licensed establishments.