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**Monterey Vintners Honor Member's Contributions During
Annual Luncheon**

*Michael Marcus and Carol Chorbajian
Recognized for Contributions to Monterey's Wine Industry*

MONTEREY, CA., 22 January 2007 - The Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association (MCVGA) is pleased to announce its recipients of the Volunteer and Vintner of the Year awards, both of which were given at the 2007 Annual Members' Luncheon at the Monterey Plaza Hotel. General Members and Associate Members who support Monterey County's growing wine industry were in attendance at the event. The Vintner and the Volunteer of the Year awards are voted on annually by the general membership.

The Volunteer of the Year Award is given to a general or associate member, chosen for his or her exceptional service in unconditionally and enthusiastically donating significant time and talent for the benefit of the association.

The 2007 winner was Michael Marcus. Mr. Marcus is a Partner of Marilyn Remark Winery, located in the Salinas Valley. He has been a member of the MCVGA Executive Board for the past two years, serving as the organization's Treasurer. Mr. Marcus has been instrumental in developing long-term financial

plans for the non-profit association. He has also spearheaded the development of a Corporate Partner Program, which allows businesses to collaborate with the wine industry. Revenues from the program within the first two months have exceeded \$35,000.

“I am honored to be recognized by the MCVGA for this award,” commented Mr. Marcus. “ I believe that Monterey makes world-class wines, and I am glad to be able to play a role in helping to grow an important local industry.”

The Vintner Award, which recognizes the Associate Member who best demonstrates his or her commitment and support of the wine industry, was awarded to Carol Chorbajian of CCM&E Destination Services. CCM&E Destination Services is a full service destination management company with over 25 years experience in Monterey County. CCM&E is the transportation provider for several of MCVGA’s annual events, including the Monterey Wine Auction & Gala as well as the Great Wine Escape Weekend. Ms. Chorbajian has also been integrally involved in providing hospitality services for numerous media groups that have visited Monterey Wine Country throughout 2006.

This is the second time that Ms. Chorbajian has been recognized by the wine industry with this award. She was a past recipient in 1998.

Additional information on General Membership and Associate Membership with MCVGA can be obtained by calling 831-375-9400 or by visiting online at www.montereywines.org.

About MCVGA

The Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association (MCVGA) brings together the talents and resources of members, partners and the local community in order to promote and support its members' leadership in the art, the science and the business of wine. Founded in 1974, MCVGA is a nonprofit organization representing over 85 vintners and growers in Monterey County.