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Top Chef Finalist and Renowned Chef Bryan Voltaggio to headline Epicurience Virginia

Epicurience Virginia returns Labor Day weekend 2015 in the East Coast's premier wine region, Loudoun County, giving visitors a chance to savor the flavors of Virginia finest food and wine. This year, meet Top Chef and Top Chef Masters contestant, and cookbook author chef Bryan Voltaggio who will headline the chef demonstration pavilion on **Sept. 5th** at **Morven Park** in **Leesburg**.

Voltaggio has become one of the most recognized chefs in contemporary American cooking with his seasonally driven and internationally known restaurant VOLT, where he uses innovated cooking techniques to highlight the finest local ingredients.

"I grew up here, so I feel like I have a responsibility to this region," said Voltaggio who owns nine area restaurants including the new Family Meal in Loudoun. "With each restaurant I open, I hope to reach new audience and show them that good food and the bounty of what the region has to offer very much go hand in hand."

This year's Grand Tasting will also feature celebrated local favorites Chris Edwards from Salamander Resort & Spa, Jason Lage from Market Table Bistro and Bonnie Moore with Willowsford who will all be cooking in the **Sterling Restaurant Supply** Chef Demonstration Pavilion.

In addition, visitors can taste from more than 40 vendors and enjoy expanded food options. Wine seminars will be open for attendees in the education tent sponsored by **Virginia Wine**, and a VIP tent will feature exclusive tastings.

This year's Epicurience Virginia will be managed for the first time by **JP Events & Consulting**. This Loudounbased business designs flawless events for businesses who value creativity and vital industry connections by leveraging over 23 years of award winning experience.

In connection with Epicurience Virginia, Visit Loudoun is also launching a new partnership with **Food & Wine Magazine** where readers will have a chance to win an all-inclusive travel package leading up to the event.

Tickets for Epicurience Virginia are on sale and the early bird rate, which ends July 26, is \$65 for general admission and \$125 for the VIP experience. For all Epicurience Virginia updates, visit <u>www.epicvirginia.com</u> and follow us at @EpicurienceVA and on Facebook.