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**Brandywine Local'licious features
Chester County Cheese Artisans
and local wineries and breweries**

Event takes place at Victory Brewing on April 5

EXTON _ Brandywine Local'licious is a new event sponsored by the Brandywine Chapter of the Pennsylvania Restaurant Association, featuring a tasting session of local cheese makers, wineries and breweries. The chefs at Victory Brewing will be creating a variety of dishes to sample, featuring hand selected cheeses for everyone's enjoyment.

The event takes place on Tuesday, April 5 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Victory Brewing Company, 420 Acorn Lane, Downingtown. The cost is \$35 per person and a portion of the proceeds benefit the Pennsylvania Restaurant Association, Brandywine Chapter.

The participants include Amazing Acres Goat Dairy, Conebella Farm, Yellow Springs Farm, Shellbark Hollow Farm, September Farm, Paradox Winery, Black Walnut Winery, Chaddsford Winery, Victory Brewing Company and Iron Hill Brewery.

Members of the Chester County Cheese Artisans dedicate their lives and lands to the art and science of making premier cheese from the milk of cows, goats, and sheep raised naturally and humanely on the Brandywine Valley region's grassy pastures. The cheeses are available at the farms, area restaurants and growers' markets.

The Brandywine Chapter of the PRA is excited about presenting our local producers and their products to broader audience of consumers via restaurateurs and local chef's. It is a strong growing trend to reconnect chefs and consumers alike with those excellent products created in our own back yard. The phrase "Farm to Fork" should remind us of the bounty and skilled artisans we have here in Chester County. We are also very privileged to be in the company of preeminent beer and wine producers that compete nationally and internationally as well.

For more information on the Chester County Cheese Artisans, see <http://www.chestercountycheese.org/>. The organization was founded with support from the Chester County Economic Development Council.

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