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McDowell County's agritourism efforts are being noticed, particularly this year at the North Carolina State Fair. South Creek Vineyards and Winery received three bronze awards for their Cabernet Franc 2005, Cabernet Franc Reserve 2005 and for their 2005 Maestro. This was the first year of competition for owners Frank and Debra Boldon of Marion, North Carolina.

After 26 years with Corning Cable Systems in Hickory, North Carolina, Boldon retired from his role as Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President of Finance in the year 2000. Frank and his wife Debra developed a passion for the wine industry during their years of travel both abroad and at home. Their time observing winemakers and studying the delicate balance between science and art paid off in their first year of production.

The Boldons purchased and cultivated a picturesque property in Nebo. The restored farmhouse functions as their office, tasting room/gift shop and can be used for private meetings and parties. Outdoor seating is available on the covered front porch in addition to strategically placed outdoor tables and seating areas that create a soothing and bucolic landscape for visitors' enjoyment.

Visitors are given a personal tour of the vineyard and winery by the owners. Frank describes their style of wine making as Bordeaux creating unique blends instead of individual varietals. When entering the winery, you immediately notice the imported oak barrels and state of the art, stainless steel equipment. Visitors will also enjoy the personal attention they receive while touring the facility.

Frank and Debra Boldon are committed to creating world class wines. To learn more and to enjoy their award winning wine, call 828.652.5729 for a reservation. More details are online at [www.southcreekwinery.com](http://www.southcreekwinery.com) and accommodation information is available at [www.mcdowellnc.org](http://www.mcdowellnc.org).