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**VERMONT FRESH NETWORK FORUM, SHELBURNE FARMS, SHELBURNE, VERMONT:
Golden Barn Culinary Honoree, Michael's On The Hill, Waterbury Center**

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The Vermont Fresh Network honored Michael's on the Hill Restaurant, along with other passionate Vermont chefs with the Golden Barn Designation.

"All Vermont Fresh Network chefs have to know their farmers and serve products from Vermont, but there are some chefs whose commitment to Vermont-grown products is exceptional," said Meghan Sheridan, VFN Executive Director.

To qualify as a Gold Barn honoree, restaurants are required to use local product on the menu from a minimum of 15 VFN farms. Thirty percent of food purchases must be from Vermont producers.

Michael's on the Hill is hosting their annual Vermont Fresh Network Farmers' Dinner on Thursday, September 5 at 7pm. The Farmers' Dinner allows guests to connect the food they eat with the producer. Guests have the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful, local meal, while getting to know the farmers responsible for producing the wonderful products showcased.

Reservations are available by calling the restaurant directly at (802)244-7476.

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Since 2002, Michael's on the Hill owners, Michael and Laura Kloeti have offered European Influenced Farm to Table Cuisine in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Michael's cooking inspiration stems from his childhood--European comfort food, sustainable and unprocessed. Aside from their passion for food and service, their goal has been to promote the importance of community and the environment.

Michael has the honor of being recognized as Vermont's first "Chef of the Year" and Vermont Restaurateurs of the Year" by the Vermont Hospitality Council. The restaurant is a proud recipient of The Wine Spectator Award of Excellence, Santé Magazine's Sustainable Restaurant Award and is recognized as the first Green Restaurant in the Green Mountain State by the Vermont Department of Agriculture.

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