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**DUCKHORN WINE COMPANY PROMOTES BILL NANCARROW
TO EXECUTIVE WINEMAKER FOR ITS NAPA VALLEY PROPERTIES**

Napa Valley, Calif. – January 8, 2007 – Duckhorn Wine Company is pleased to announce the promotion of Bill Nancarrow to the position of executive winemaker for Duckhorn Vineyards and Paraduxx. In this capacity, Nancarrow will lead Duckhorn Wine Company’s Napa Valley-based winemaking teams, overseeing production of the Duckhorn Vineyards and Paraduxx wine portfolios.

Raised in Hawkes Bay, the oldest winegrowing region in New Zealand, Nancarrow brings a global perspective to winemaking and viticulture. Prior to joining Duckhorn Vineyards, Nancarrow was the winemaker at C.J. Pask Winery in Hawkes Bay New Zealand, well known for its internationally acclaimed Merlot. In 2001, Nancarrow worked his first Duckhorn Vineyards harvest helping oversee winery operations. Nancarrow permanently joined Duckhorn Wine Company in February of 2003 as the winemaker for Paraduxx and the interim assistant winemaker for Duckhorn Vineyards.

At Duckhorn Vineyards, Nancarrow will be replacing Mark Beringer who, after years of dedicated service, has left to pursue other interests. “Over our 30-year history, a wonderful foundation has been established by winemakers Tom Rinaldi and Mark Beringer,” said Nancarrow. “I am honored to be given the opportunity to build on that history and winemaking tradition as we move forward.”

Nancarrow will work in concert with Zach Rasmuson, the vice president, general manager and winemaker of Goldeneye, Duckhorn Wine Company’s Anderson Valley Pinot Noir label. According to company founder, CEO and chairman Dan Duckhorn. “As the Paraduxx winemaker, Bill has shown both passion and vision. Not only is he a gifted winemaker, he has the ability to lead and inspire a winemaking team. With Bill and Zach guiding our winemaking programs, we are extremely excited about the future.”

Duckhorn Wine Company is a collection of small winery estates focused on site-specific wines of distinction from the Napa and Anderson valleys. The Duckhorn Wine Company family includes Duckhorn Vineyards, Paraduxx, and Goldeneye. With grapes selected from more than ten estate vineyards, as well as a variety of sought-after vineyard sites within the Napa Valley and Anderson Valley appellations, each winery is presented with a canvas of lots from which to blend its premium wines. Focused on careful grape selection, innovative winemaking techniques and a premium barrel-aging program, Duckhorn Wine Company is founded on an unwavering commitment to quality and customer service. Duckhorn Wine Company wines are available throughout the United States and internationally.

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