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Nova Scotia Wines Receive 19 Awards at All Canadian Wine Championships

Halifax, N.S. – Nova Scotia wineries received an unprecedented 19 awards at the annual All Canadian Wine Championships in Windsor, Ontario.

"We have won in the past, we have won again," says Janice Ruddock, managing director of the Winery Association of Nova Scotia. "Our wine is becoming nationally and internationally recognized and respected...we have a lot to be proud of here in Nova Scotia."

The province's newest winery, L'Acadie Vineyards, led by owner and winemaker Bruce Ewert, brought home three medals, including best in category for its L'Acadie Star.

"For many years I made award-winning wines for other wineries in the Okanagan Valley, all the while looking forward to the day when our family could move back to Nova Scotia and start our own winery," says Ewert. "Opening L'Acadie Vineyards is our dream and the All Canadian awards further showcase that Nova Scotia grapes make great wine that can compete against other grape growing areas."

Gina Haverstock, the winemaker at Gaspereau Vineyards, received a total of seven medals including five gold awards for her wines.

"I am ecstatic with the awards that Gaspereau brought home," says Haverstock. "What was even more exciting is the fact that the wines that received recognition were not from one category or style...the broad spectrum of awards goes to show that Nova Scotia can produce amazing wines in all categories."

The following Nova Scotia vineyards won awards at the 2008 All Canadian Wine Championships:

L'Acadie Vineyards:

Double Gold (Best of Category) - 2007 L'Acadie Star
Gold, Red Hybrid Blends - 2006 Alchemy
Silver, Fortified and Other Dessert - 2007 Leon Millot Soleil

Gaspereau Vineyards:

Gold - 2007 Riesling Off Dry
Gold - 2007 Seyval Blanc
Gold - 2007 Rosé
Gold - 2006 De Chaunac
Gold - NV Reserve Port
Silver - Vitis
Bronze - 2006 Lucie Kuhlmann

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Jost Vineyards:

Double Gold (Best of Category), NV Prima Rosa

Gold - 2006 Marechal Foch

Silver - 2006 Leon Millot

Silver - 2006 L'Acadie-Pinot Grigio

Bronze - 2007 Habitant Blanc

Bronze - 2007 Avondale Riesling Gold

Domaine de Grand Pré:

Bronze - 2007 L'Acadie Blanc

Bronze - 2007 Ortega Icewine

Blomidon Estate Winery:

Silver - 2007 L'Acadie

"This has been a tremendous year (2006/2007) for everyone in the province," says Winery Association president and Jost Vineyards owner, Hans Christian Jost. "There is a consistency across the province that is showing a great future for this industry."

Held annually, the 2008 All Canadian Wine Championships had a record-breaking 1045 wines submitted from 152 wineries across Canada.

The Winery Association of Nova Scotia (WANS) was formed in 2002 to represent the interests of wine producers in Nova Scotia, to serve as a voice for local industry and to promote the growth and development of Nova Scotia wines. Members include Bear River Vineyards, Blomidon Estate Winery, Domaine de Grand Pré, Gaspereau Vineyards, Sainte-Famille Wines, Lunenburg County Winery, Petite Riviere Vineyards and Jost Vineyards. The province's newest winery, L'Acadie Vineyards opened May 9, 2008.

For more information about the Winery Association of Nova Scotia, visit www.winesofnovascotia.ca.

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