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Nova Scotia Wines Receive 28 Awards at 2009 All Canadian Wine Championships

Halifax, N.S. – Nova Scotia wineries received a record 28 awards at the annual All Canadian Wine Championships in Windsor, Ontario.

“This kind of impressive performance at a national championship shows just how far the Nova Scotia wine industry has advanced in recent years,” says Janice Ruddock, managing director of the Winery Association of Nova Scotia. “Blomidon Estate Winery brought home the first-ever medal in the Chardonnay category for Nova Scotia, and L’Acadie Vineyards’ Brut took home a silver in the sparkling category...we are truly showcasing the quality and diversity of our Nova Scotia wines and gaining more recognition on the national stage.”

The following Nova Scotia vineyards won awards at the 2009 All Canadian Wine Championships:

L’Acadie Vineyards

Double Gold (Best of Category, Grape Fortifieds & Other Desserts) – 2008 Soleil
Silver, Sparkling – 2006 Traditional Method Brut

Blomidon Estate Winery

Bronze, Chardonnay Under \$20 – 2007 Chardonnay Reserve
Bronze, Single White Hybrid – 2008 L’Acadie

Domaine de Grand Pre

Gold, Grape Fortifieds & Other Desserts – No.41
Silver, Other Red Hybrid Blends - N/V Cabernet Foch
Silver, Other Icewines – 2008 Muscat Icewine
Bronze, Marechal Foch – 2007 Vintner’s Reserve Foch

Gaspereau Vineyards

Double Gold (Best of Category, Other Single Hybrid Reds) – 2007 Barrel Select Lucie
Kuhlmann
Double Gold (Best of Category, Other Red Hybrid Blends) - N/V Vitis
Gold, Other Single Hybrid Reds – 2007 Lucie Kuhlmann
Silver, Single White Hybrid – 2008 Seyval Blanc
Silver, Other Single Hybrid Reds – 2007 Castel
Bronze, Sparkling – 2008 Gaspereau Sparkling
Bronze, Fruit Fortified – N/V Maple Wine

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Jost Vineyards

Double Gold (Best of Category, White Hybrid Blends) - 2008 Habitant Blanc
Double Gold (Best of Category, Marechal Foch) - 2007 Valley Roads Marechal Foch
Double Gold (Best of Category, Baco Noir) – 2005 Baco Noir
Gold, Marechal Foch - 2007 Cote St. George Marechal Foch
Silver, Single White Hybrid – 2007 Cote St. George L'Acadie Blanc
Silver, Other Single V.V. Whites – 2007 Eagle Tree Muscat
Silver, White Hybrid Blends – 2007 L'Acadie Chardonnay
Bronze, Sparkling - N/V Prost
Bronze, Single White Hybrid – 2008 Valley Road L'Acadie Blanc
Bronze, White Hybrid Blends - 2008 L'Acadie Pinot Grigio
Bronze, White Hybrid Blends - N/V Chablis Blanc de Blanc
Bronze, Marechal Foch – 2007 Marechal Foch
Bronze, Other Red Hybrid Blends – 2006 Trilogy

“I am particularly delighted in winning the double gold for our 2007 Valley Roads Marechal Foch and our Baco Noir,” says Winery Association president and Jost Vineyards owner, Hans Christian Jost. “Being the best in the country for our Foch and Baco Noir is truly a considerable feat considering the number of those wines grown in Canada.”

Held annually, the 2009 All Canadian Wine Championships had a record-breaking 1071 wines submitted from 173 wineries across Canada.

“Each year, as an industry, the number of medals we bring home from the All Canadians increases,” says Jost. “With 28 awards and six of those double gold medals indicating best of category, this year holds a new high for the Nova Scotia wine industry.”

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

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About the Winery Association of Nova Scotia

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 L'Acadie Vineyards, Bear River Vineyards, Benjamin Bride, 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, Muir Murray Estate Winery opened May 1, 2009.