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Nova Scotia Wines Take Home 16 Awards at the 2010 All Canadian Wine Championships

Halifax, N.S. – Nova Scotia wineries received 16 awards at the annual All Canadian Wine Championships in Windsor, Ontario. The All Canadian Wine Championships, considered the country's leading wine competition, announced the winners for 2010 on Friday, May 21.

"The growth of the industry in this province is very much a team effort...we are proud to be a part of this industry in Nova Scotia and there is not another province we would rather be in," says Karen Enright, owner of Annapolis Highland Vineyards and first time winner at the All Canadian Wine Championships. "We are absolutely thrilled about our awards. On Friday I was clicking the site every five minutes to see the results...I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw our Pinot Gris won gold."

Held annually, this year's competition had a record-breaking 1,143 wines submitted in the competition with wines represented from coast to coast.

The following Nova Scotia wineries won awards this year:

Annapolis Highland Vineyards

Gold (Grapes Fortifieds & Other Desserts) - 2009 White Wedding
Gold (Pinot Gris/Grigio) - 2009 Pinot Gris
Silver (Soft Fruit Off-Dry) - 2008 Highland Blue
Bronze (White Hybrid Blends) - 2009 Geisenheim Riesling

L'Acadie Vineyards,

Silver (Sparkling) - Prestige Brut
Silver (Fruit Sparkling) - 2008 Organic Sparkling Cider
Bronze (Other Single White Hybrid) - 2009 L'Acadie Star

Blomidon Estate Winery

Silver (Marechal Foch) - 2008 Reserve Marechal Foch

Domaine de Grand Pré

Silver (Other Single Hybrid Reds) - 2008 Pete Lockett Vyd Millot
Silver (Vidal Icewine) - 2008 Vidal Icewine
Bronze (Other Single White Hybrid) - 2008 L'Acadie Blanc
Bronze (Marechal Foch) - 2008 Marechal Foch
Bronze (Other Single Hybrid Reds) - 2008 Vintner's Reserve Castel

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Jost Vineyards

Gold (White Hybrid Blends) - 2009 Valley Roads L'Acadie Muscat

Silver (White Hybrid Blends) - 2009 Habitant Blanc

Bronze (Baco Noir) - 2006 Baco Noir

“Nova Scotia has a lot to be proud of,” says Janice Ruddock, managing director of the Winery Association of Nova Scotia. “This recognition continues to show that our wines are being represented and respected on the national as well as international levels. It is especially exciting to see promising new wineries producing award-winning wines their first year in business.”

For more information about the All Canadian Wine Championships visit www.canadianwinetrail.com. Additional information about the Winery Association of Nova Scotia can be found at www.winesns.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 Annapolis Highland Vineyards, L'Acadie Vineyards, Bear River Vineyards, Benjamin Bridge, Blomidon Estate Winery, Domaine de Grand Pré, Gaspereau Vineyards, Muir Murray Estate Winery, Sainte-Famille Wines, Lunenburg County Winery, Petite Riviere Vineyards and Jost Vineyards.