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13 Local Wineries Receive Medals at Atlantic Canadian Wine Awards

Halifax, N.S. – The Canadian Association of Professional Sommeliers (CAPS) Atlantic Chapter released the results of the first Atlantic Canadian Wine Awards on Saturday, June 27, 2009 at the Catch Seafood Festival. 13 wineries from Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick received medals.

“We felt this competition would help to further promote the unique and characteristic wines of our young winemaking region,” says Drew Curlett, a member of the board of directors for CAPS Atlantic. “The time was right for a regional competition - more and more local wines are receiving national awards. The numerous participating wineries, both large and small, which received awards reveals the diverse talent and quality of wine Atlantic Canada offers.”

In addition to the gold, silver and bronze medals given in 18 categories, the following Best of Show awards were presented:

Best White Wine - 2008 Limited Edition Muscat Chardonnay, Gaspereau Vineyards, Nova Scotia

Best Red Wine –2006 Marechal Foch, Sainte-Famille Wines, Nova Scotia

Best Fruit Wine – 2006 Blackberry Mead, Rossignol Estate Winery, Prince Edward Island

Best Dessert Wine - 2007 Muscat Ice Wine, Domaine de Grand Pré, Nova Scotia

Local wineries submitted 119 wines for the competition. The wines were blind-tasted by a judging panel comprised of CAPS Atlantic members. The awards will be presented annually to showcase the best wine Atlantic Canada has to offer. For more information about CAPS, please visit www.atlanticsommeliers.ca.

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About the Atlantic Canada Chapter of the Canadian Association of Professional Sommeliers (CAPS)

The Atlantic Canada Chapter of CAPS is the only professional wine and spirits training and industry educator in Atlantic Canada.

They hold periodic tastings around the region of fine wines, beers, and spirits which are open to all members. CAPS Atlantic works with other sommelier and wine industry organizations around the world to promote their goals and to ensure mutual recognition of sommelier qualifications.

CAPS accredits training programs for professional sommeliers and is affiliated internationally with the Association de la Sommellerie Internationale (ASI) .

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