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## **CUVÉE 2010 REVEALS WINNERS OF PRESTIGIOUS WINE AWARDS AT CUVÉE GALA**

Niagara Falls, ON, February 19, 2010 -- The highly anticipated results of the prestigious Cuvée Wine Awards were announced in Niagara Falls this evening during the Cuvée Gala, known as the "Oscars" of the Ontario wine industry.

The Cuvée Wine Awards are the only awards in Canada where the winning wines are chosen by the winemakers. The judging process upholds strict criteria for the award winners and the wines selected for pouring at the Gala.

Each participating winery enters its three best wines into the competition and can also present two wines distributed through the LCBO to compete in the Best LCBO Red Wine and Best LCBO White Wine categories.

This year, 45 winemakers tasted over 200 wines from 56 wineries to determine the winners. In addition, during the judging process, judges are asked to indicate if wines merit a Cuvée Gold designation, demonstrating international standards for excellence in quality. The Cuvée Award Winners are provided on the attached sheet.

Wineries sell the coveted award winning wines at their winery boutiques over the Cuvée weekend, where they traditionally sell out within a matter of days. Consumers can shop for these wines and experience special tastings during Cuvée En Route, the weekend passport program that takes place at participating wineries Friday February 19 through Sunday, February 21. Details can be found on the Cuvée web site, [www.cuvee.ca](http://www.cuvee.ca) and passports can be purchased for \$30.00 at participating wineries this weekend.

Proceeds from Cuvée Weekend go to the Niagara Community Foundation and are used in its work with community groups across the region.

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# Cuvée Awards 2010

**Red Wine** / WINNER

*sponsored by Scott Laboratories*

Inniskillin Wines

Reserve Series Cabernet Franc 2007 **GOLD**

**Limited Edition Red Wine** / WINNER

*sponsored by Sun Media Niagara Publishing Group*

Niagara College Teaching Winery

Dean's List Pinot Noir Canadian Oak Project 2007 **GOLD**

**White Wine** / WINNER

*sponsored by Scott Laboratories*

Flat Rock Cellars

Reserve Chardonnay 2007 **GOLD**

**Limited Edition White Wine** / WINNER

*sponsored by Vines – Sun Media Niagara Publishing Group*

Creekside Estate Winery

Reserve Viognier 2008 **GOLD**

**LCBO Red Wine** / WINNER

Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate Winery

Proprietors' Reserve Meritage 2007 **GOLD**

**LCBO White Wine** / WINNER

Creekside Estate Winery

Pinot Grigio 2008 **GOLD**

**Sweet Wine** / WINNERS

*sponsored by Bruni Glass Packaging Canada*

Konzelmann Estate Winery

Vidal Icewine 2007 **1ST PLACE GOLD**

Strewn Winery

Vidal Icewine 2006 **2ND PLACE GOLD**

Reif Estate Winery

Vidal Icewine 2007 **3RD PLACE GOLD**

**Limited Edition Sweet Wine** / WINNER

Mountain Road Wine Company

Vidal Icewine 2004 **GOLD**

**Sparkling Wine** / WINNERS

Hillebrand Winery  
Trius Brut Rose NV **TIED FOR 1ST PLACE GOLD**

Maleta Estate Winery  
VIEW Old Vines Dry Sparking Riesling 2007 **TIED FOR 1ST PLACE GOLD**

Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery  
Cuvee Catherine Rose Brut NV **2ND PLACE GOLD**

Cave Spring Cellars  
Dolomite Brut 2006 **3RD PLACE GOLD**

**Chardonnay** / WINNERS

Flat Rock Cellars  
Reserve Chardonnay 2007 **1ST PLACE GOLD**

DeSousa Wine Cellars  
Chardonnay Reserve 2007 **2ND PLACE GOLD**

**Riesling** / WINNERS

Thirty Bench Wine Makers  
Small Lot Riesling "Steel Post Vineyard" 2008 **1ST PLACE GOLD**

Rosewood Estates Winery  
Natalie's Riesling Süsreserve 2008 **2ND PLACE GOLD**

**Gewürztraminer** / WINNER

Rosewood Estates Winery  
Gewürztraminer 2008 **GOLD**

**Sauvignon Blanc** / WINNER

Creekside Estate Winery  
Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2007 **GOLD**

**White Assemblage** / WINNER

Legends Estates Winery  
Diva (Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc) 2008 **GOLD**

**Viognier** / WINNER

Creekside Estate Winery  
Reserve Viognier 2008 **GOLD**

**Cabernet Sauvignon** / WINNERS

Kacaba Vineyards  
Kacaba Vineyards Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 **1ST PLACE GOLD**

Hillebrand Winery  
Showcase Cabernet Sauvignon Clark Farm 2007 **2ND PLACE GOLD**

**Cabernet Franc** / WINNERS

Inniskillin Wines  
Reserve Series Cabernet Franc 2007 **1ST PLACE GOLD**

Tawse Winery  
Van Bers Cabernet Franc 2007 **2ND PLACE GOLD**

**Meritage** / WINNERS

Thirty Bench Wine Makers  
Small Lot Benchmark Red 2007 **1ST PLACE GOLD**

Vineland Estates Winery  
Elevation Cabernet 2007 **2ND PLACE GOLD**

Southbrook Vineyards  
Poetica Cabernet Merlot 2007 **TIED FOR 3RD PLACE GOLD**

Wayne Gretzky Estates  
Estate Series Cabernet Merlot 2007 **TIED FOR 3RD PLACE GOLD**

**Pinot Noir** / WINNERS

Tawse Winery  
17th St Pinot Noir 2007 **1ST PLACE GOLD**

Cave Spring Cellars  
Pinot Noir Estate 2007 **2ND PLACE GOLD**

**Gamay Noir** / WINNER

13th Street Winery  
Sandstone Vineyard Old Vines Gamay Noir 2007 **GOLD**

**Merlot** / WINNER

Peller Estates Winery  
Signature Series Merlot 2007 **GOLD**

**Red Assemblage** / WINNER

Wayne Gretzky Estates  
Estate Series Shiraz Cabernet 2007 **GOLD**

**Syrah/Shiraz / WINNERS**

Fielding Estate Winery  
Syrah 2007 **TIED FOR 1ST PLACE GOLD**

Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate Winery  
Proprietors' Grand Reserve Syrah 2007 **TIED FOR 1ST PLACE GOLD**

**Toney Aspler Cuvée**  
**Award of Excellence / WINNER**  
*sponsored by Tony Aspler*

Jon Ogryzlo, Dean, Food and Wine Sciences at Niagara College  
*Jon Ogryzlo – for spearheading the creation of the Niagara College  
Wine Visitor & Education Centre.*

**Cuvée Award of  
Excellence in Viticulture / WINNER**  
*sponsored by the Grape Growers of Ontario*

Albrecht Seeger, Seeger Farms

**Cuvée Gold Awards**

**Sweet Wine**

Château des Charmes Wines  
Cabernet Franc Icewine Estate Bottled 2007 **GOLD**

Dan Aykroyd Wines  
Signature Vidal Icewine 2006 **GOLD**

**White Wine**

Mountain Road Wine Company  
Reserve Chardonnay 2006 **GOLD**

Peninsula Ridge Estates Winery  
Reserve Chardonnay 2007 **GOLD**

Strewn Winery  
Chardonnay Barrel Fermented Amalgam 2007 **GOLD**

**Red Wine**

Kacaba Vineyards  
Kacaba Vineyards Proprietor's Reserve Syrah 2007 **GOLD**