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**CALIFORNIA'S BEST WINES ANNOUNCED AT THE STATE'S  
PREMIER FOOD AND WINE EVENT**

*Best Wines and Wineries from 2008 State Fair Commercial Wine  
Competition to be Recognized*

**SACRAMENTO** – The California State Fair will honor the best winemakers, brewers and cheese makers in the state at the 13th annual California's Grape & Gourmet, the state's premier food and wine event.

The event, which benefits the Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Fund, will take place Thursday, July 10 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Cal Expo. The public will have the opportunity to taste medal-winning wines poured by over 200 wineries from the 2008 California State Fair Commercial Wine Competition, the oldest and most prestigiously judged wine competition in North America.

Admission to California's Grape & Gourmet includes wine and food tasting, as well as a free commemorative wineglass and plate. Wines will also be available for purchase by the case or bottle.

Seventy-five of the area's award-winning restaurants will provide delicious food for the tasting, including Thai Basil Restaurant, Ernesto's, 4<sup>th</sup> Street Grill, The Melting Pot and The Zinfandel Grille.

Golden Winery and Best of Show Award winners will be announced at the California's Grape & Gourmet. All medal award-winners and complete results of the 2008 California State Fair commercial Wine Competition are available online at [www.thebestcaliforniawine.com](http://www.thebestcaliforniawine.com). Results are also available August 2008 in *California Wine*, the State Fair's annual wine publication. A copy of this magazine will be available at the California State Fair Wine Garden at the State Fair or for sale on the State Fair's Web site.

Additionally, the 2008 Wine Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented at the Grape & Gourmet to Mary Ann Graf, Mike Grgich, and Warren Winiarski. The award recognizes those individuals who have contributed extensively over a number of years to the promotion, advancement and growth of the wine industry.

## **Wine Competition Results**

At this year's Wine Competition, more than 2,900 wine entries were received from more than 648 participating wineries. Sixty-eight professional wine judges awarded 1,587 medals, including 56 Double Gold, 208 Gold, 844 Silver and 479 Bronze awards. Award winners include:

### **Best of Show - Dessert**

DOUBLE GOLD 98

#### **Navarro Vineyards**

2007 Anderson Valley, Mendocino Late Harvest White Riesling

### **Best of Show - Red**

GOLD 95

#### **Castle Rock Winery**

2006 Mendocino County Pinot Noir

### **Best of Show - White**

DOUBLE GOLD 98

#### **Loredona**

2007 Monterey Riesling

### **Best Value**

GOLD 95

#### **Castle Rock Winery**

2006 Mendocino County Pinot Noir

### **Golden State Winery of the Year**

South Coast Winery

### **Best Of Region Awards**

BEST OF NORTH COAST RED

GOLD 95

#### **Castle Rock Winery**

2006 Mendocino County Pinot Noir

BEST OF NORTH COAST WHITE

GOLD 94

#### **Shannon Ridge Vineyards & Winery**

2007 Lake County Roussanne

BEST OF SONOMA RED

GOLD 95

#### **Valley of the Moon Winery**

2007 Sonoma County Rosato di Sangiovese

BEST OF SONOMA WHITE

GOLD 95

#### **Korbel Champagne**

2005 Russian River Valley Natural

BEST OF NAPA RED

DOUBLE GOLD 98

#### **Davis Family Vineyards**

2005 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

BEST OF NAPA WHITE  
DOUBLE GOLD 98

**Mumm Napa Valley**

NV Napa Valley Pinot Noir Blanc de Noirs

BEST OF GREATER BAY RED  
GOLD 94

**Loma Prieta Winery**

2006 Santa Cruz Mountains Pinot Noir

BEST OF GREATER BAY WHITE  
GOLD 94

**Concannon Vineyard**

2006 Livermore Valley Reserve Chardonnay

BEST OF NORTH-CENTRAL COAST RED  
GOLD 94

**Big House**

2006 Central Coast The Lineup, GSM Red Wine

BEST OF NORTH-CENTRAL COAST RED  
GOLD 94

**Chateau Julien**

2005 Monterey County Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

BEST OF NORTH-CENTRAL COAST WHITE  
DOUBLE GOLD 98

**Jekel Vineyards**

2007 Monterey Riesling

BEST OF NORTH-CENTRAL COAST WHITE  
DOUBLE GOLD 98

**Loredona**

2007 Monterey Riesling

BEST OF SOUTH-CENTRAL COAST RED  
DOUBLE GOLD 98

**Sculpterra Winery**

2006 Paso Robles Syrah

BEST OF SOUTH-CENTRAL COAST WHITE  
GOLD 94

**EOS Estate Winery**

2007 Paso Robles Tears of Dew Late Harvest Muscato

BEST OF SOUTH COAST RED  
GOLD 94

**Rosenthal-The Malibu Estate**

2004 Malibu-Newton Canyon Merlot

BEST OF SOUTH COAST WHITE  
GOLD 95

**South Coast Winery**

2007 Temecula Valley Gewürztraminer

BEST OF SIERRA FOOTHILLS RED  
GOLD 94

**Obscurity Cellars**

2006 Sierra Foothills Son of O'Blivion

BEST OF SIERRA FOOTHILLS WHITE  
GOLD 95

**Vina Moda**

2007 Sierra Foothills Viognier

BEST OF LODI RED  
DOUBLE GOLD 98

**Crystal Valley Cellars**

2006 Lodi Estate Ancient Vine Zinfandel

BEST OF LODI WHITE  
DOUBLE GOLD 97

**Clay Station**

2007 Lodi Viognier

BEST OF OTHER CALIFORNIA RED  
GOLD 94

**Jeff Runquist Wines**

2006 Clarksburg Petite Sirah

BEST OF OTHER CALIFORNIA WHITE  
GOLD 94

**Herzog Wine Cellars**

2006 Clarksburg Late Harvest Chenin Blanc

BEST OF CALIFORNIA STATE RED  
GOLD 94

**HRM Rex Goliath Wines**

NV California Cabernet Sauvignon  
Free Range Giant 47 Pound Rooster

BEST OF CALIFORNIA STATE WHITE  
DOUBLE GOLD 99

**Korbel Champagne**

NV California Brut Blanc de Noirs

**Best of California**

BEST BARBERA  
DOUBLE GOLD 98

**Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards**

2006 Fair Play Reserve Barbera

BEST CABERNET FRANC  
DOUBLE GOLD 98

**Cinnabar Vineyard & Winery**

2004 Lodi Limited Production, Exclusive Release Cabernet France

BEST CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
DOUBLE GOLD 98  
**Calcareous Vineyards**  
2005 York Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

BEST BORDEAUX VARIETAL BLEND  
GOLD 94  
**Conn Creek Winery**  
2004 Napa Valley Anthology

BEST CHARDONNAY  
DOUBLE GOLD 98  
**Martin & Weyrich Winery**  
2005 Edna Valley Chardonnay

BEST GEWÜRZTRAMINER  
GOLD 94  
**Husch Vineyards**  
2007 Anderson Valley Late Harvest Gewürztraminer

BEST ROSÉ  
DOUBLE GOLD 98  
**South Coast Winery**  
2007 California Grenache Rosé

BEST MERLOT  
DOUBLE GOLD 98  
**Clos du Bois**  
2005 Alexander Valley Sonoma Reserve Merlot

BEST MUSCAT  
DOUBLE GOLD 98  
**Dusinberré**  
2004 Napa Valley Tesoro Del Sol Late Harvest Muscat Cannelli

BEST PETITE SIRAH  
DOUBLE GOLD 98  
**Perry Creek Winery**  
2005 El Dorado County Petite Sirah

BEST PINOT GRIGIO  
DOUBLE GOLD 98  
**3 Blind Moose**  
2007 California Pinot Grigio

BEST PINOT NOIR  
GOLD 95  
**Castle Rock Winery**  
2006 Mendocino County Pinot Noir

BEST VIOGNIER  
DOUBLE GOLD 97  
**Clay Station**  
2007 Lodi, California Viognier

BEST RED GENERIC

DOUBLE GOLD 97

**Graveyard Vineyards**

NV Paso Robles Tombstone Red

BEST SANGIOVESE

DOUBLE GOLD 98

**Cosentino Winery**

2005 California IL Chiaretto Sangiovese

BEST SAUVIGNON BLANC

GOLD 94

**Wildhurst Vineyards**

2007 Late Harvest Reserve Sauvignon Blanc

BEST SPARKLING WINE

DOUBLE GOLD 98

**Mumm Napa**

NV Napa Valley Blanc de Noirs

BEST SPECIALTY RED VARIETAL BLEND

DOUBLE GOLD 98

**Justin Vineyard & Winery**

2005 Paso Robles Savant

BEST SHIRAZ

DOUBLE GOLD 98

**Virgin Wines**

2006 California Shiraz

BEST PORT

DOUBLE GOLD 98

**EOS Estate Winery**

2006 Paso Robles Zinfandel Port

BEST RIESLING

DOUBLE GOLD 98

**Loredona**

2007 Monterey Riesling

BEST RIESLING

DOUBLE GOLD 98

**Jekel Vineyards**

2007 Monterey Riesling

BEST WHITE ZINFANDEL

GOLD 94

**Fox Brook Winery**

2007 California White Zinfandel

BEST ZINFANDEL

DOUBLE GOLD 98

**Macchia Winery**

2006 Lodi Outrageous, Old Vine Zinfandel

\* Many of these wines and numerous others will be available at the Save Mart Supermarkets Wine Garden at the 2008 California State Fair.

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