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## **CUVÉE 2007 ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF PRESTIGIOUS WINE AWARDS**

Niagara Falls, ON, March 3, 2007 -- The highly anticipated results of the prestigious Cuvée Wine Awards judged in January were announced in Niagara Falls this evening during the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Cuvée Gala.

The Cuvée Wine Awards are the only awards in Canada where the winning wines are chosen by the winemakers themselves. In keeping with the event's reputation as the "Oscars" of the Ontario wine industry, the judging process upholds strict criteria for the award winners and the wines selected for pouring at the Gala. This year, 41 winemakers tasted 167 wines from 48 wineries to determine the winners. 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 General List Red Wine and General List White Wine categories.

A singular winner was awarded in each category. In addition, during the judging process, judges were asked to indicate if wines merited 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 starting Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, where they traditionally sell out within a matter of days. Consumers can shop for these wines and experience special tastings during Cuvée En Route, a weekend passport program that takes place at participating wineries along the Niagara Wine Route. Details about each winery's Cuvée En Route activities 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 2007 AWARDS**

### **RED WINE**

Sponsored by Scott Laboratories

WINNER

Creekside Estate Winery Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2002      GOLD

### **LIMITED EDITION RED WINE**

Sponsored by Osprey Media Group

WINNER

Creekside Estate Winery Broken Press Shiraz 2004      GOLD

### **WHITE WINE**

Sponsored by Scott Laboratories

WINNER

Thirty Bench Wine Makers Riesling 2005      GOLD

### **LIMITED EDITION WHITE WINE**

Sponsored by Vines

WINNER

Fielding Estate Winery Reserve Gewürztraminer 2006      GOLD

### **GENERAL LIST RED WINE**

LCBO Chair Award

WINNER

Pelee Island Winery Cabernet Franc 2005

### **GENERAL LIST WHITE WINE**

LCBO Chair Award

WINNER

Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery Reserve Chardonnay 2005

### **SPARKLING**

WINNER

Cave Spring Cellars Brut 2004      GOLD

### **SWEET WINE**

Sponsored by Bruni Glass Packaging Canada

WINNER

Reif Estate Winery Vidal Icewine 2004      GOLD

### **LIMITED EDITION SWEET WINE**

WINNER

Konzelmann Estate Winery Select Late Harvest Riesling Traminer 2004      GOLD

### **MERITAGE**

WINNER

Reif Estate Winery Cabernet Merlot 2002

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

WINNER

Creekside Estate Winery Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2002 GOLD

**CABERNET FRANC**

WINNER

Vineland Estates Winery Cabernet Franc 2005 GOLD

**MERLOT**

WINNER

Hernder Estates Winery Merlot 2004 GOLD

**PINOT NOIR**

WINNER

Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery Reserve Pinot Noir 2005 GOLD

**SYRAH/SHIRAZ**

WINNER

Jackson Triggs Niagara Estate Winery Delaine Vineyard Syrah 2004 GOLD

**GAMAY**

WINNER

Thirteenth Street Wine Corp. Gamay Noir 2004 GOLD

**RED HYBRID**

WINNER

Lakeview Cellars Estate Winery Baco Noir Reserve 2004 GOLD

**RIESLING**

WINNER

Thirty Bench Wine Makers Riesling 2005 GOLD

**SAUVIGNON BLANC**

WINNER

Peninsula Ridge Estates Winery Fumé Blanc 2005 GOLD

**CHARDONNAY**

WINNER

Thirteenth Street Wine Corp. Chardonnay Reserve 2004 GOLD

**TONY ASPLER CUVÉE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Sponsored by Tony Aspler

WINNER

Jim Warren

**CUVÉE GOLD AWARD**

Birchwood Estate Wines Vidal Icewine 2005

Mike Weir Estate Winery Chardonnay 2005

Pillitteri Estates Winery Merlot Family Reserve 2002

Thirty Bench Wine Makers Thirty Bench Red 2005

Vineland Estates Winery Vidal Icewine 2005

Willow Heights Estate Winery Vidal Icewine 2005