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And the Green Goes to...

International Green Wine Competition awards 153 outstanding gold, silver and bronze wines for eco-conscious consumers

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In the first competition of its kind, 15 of the world's acknowledged leaders in wines made from organic and biodynamically grown grapes (including Oregon's Susan Sokol Blosser) identified a total of 153 award-winning wines.

The 15 gold, 58 silver and 80 bronze medal winners are included in the 2008 Consumer's Green Wine Shopping List, which indexes all winners by medal and by company, including prices and websites.

"The 2008 Consumer's Green Wine Shopping List solves the problem of 'which green wines are 'can't miss' for the organic-minded consumer,'" said Lea Pierce, founder and director of Wine Competition Management, LLC, the organizer of the event. The list includes educational information on this year's four competition classes, ranging from wines made from biodynamically and organically grown grapes, to transitional and natural grapes.

Under the leadership of honorary chairman Paul Dolan, America's pioneer in organic winemaking, 15 judges evaluated a total of 271 entries from six states (California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Texas and Illinois) and 11 foreign countries, including Cyprus, Portugal, Canada, Chile, Argentina, Italy, Spain, France, Lebanon, New Zealand and Australia. Approximately 63 percent entered their wines as certified organic.

For a complete list of winners and the 2008 Consumer's Green Shopping List, please visit www.greenwinecomp.info .

Oregon's 2008 IGWC Winners

Gold Medal (Transitional*)

Winter's Hill Vineyard
2007 Pinot Gris, Dundee Hills

Silver Medal (Biodynamic)**

Resonance Vineyard

2007 G3, Yamhill-Carlton District
Demeter-Certified Biodynamic

Silver Medal (Transitional)

Amity Vineyards
2006 Riesling, Willamette Valley, 2006
Wedding Dance Riesling, Willamette Valley

Argyle Winery
2000 Blanc de Blancs, Dundee Hills
Knudsen Vineyard, Julia Lee's Block

Montinore Estate
2006 Gewürztraminer, Willamette Valley

The Four Graces
2007 Pinot Gris, Dundee Hills

Winter's Hill Vineyard
2007 Pinot Blanc, Dundee Hills

Bronze Medal (Transitional)

Tyee Wine Cellars
2006 Pinot Gris, Willamette Valley

Willamette Valley Vineyards
2006 Chardonnay, Willamette Valley
Dijon Clone

***"Transitional" refers to wines made from grapes grown in vineyards transitioning to organic or biodynamic certification. ***"Biodynamic" refers to wines made from grapes certified by Biodyvin (France) or Demeter (USA or International).*

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