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WGGA Members Win Big at Wisconsin State Fair Professional Wine Competition 2011

Waterloo, Wisconsin (July 12, 2011) — The Wisconsin State Fair Professional Wine Competition took place June 23-24, 2011 and evaluated over 100 wines from 24 Wisconsin wineries. Wisconsin Grape Growers Association members won big and Wollersheim Winery was awarded Best Wisconsin Wine for their 2010 Eagle White.

“The wines were great” said Paul Gospodarczyk, lead judge. “They were not great by ‘Wisconsin’ standards or ‘Midwest’ standards, but legitimately good by any standard.” Gospodarczyk, a Certified Sommelier, was one of three judges in the competition. He was accompanied by Thomas Payette who is a consulting winemaker based in Virginia and a columnist for Vineyard and Winery Management Magazine. The final team member was Sonoma vineyard owner Dr. Valery Uhl who is the Director for the ‘North of the Gate’ Wine Competition, CA, and an avid fan of the Midwest wine industry.

CEDAR CREEK WINERY

- **Bronze: Old Mill Red**

DANZINGER VINEYARDS

- **Double Gold: Waumandee White**
- **Double Gold: King Cranberry**
- **Silver: Sunset Ridge**
- **Silver: Twilight Delight**
- **Silver: Raspberry Table Wine**
- **Bronze: Golden Sunrise**
- **Bronze: Mississippi Mist**

DOOR PENINSULA WINERY

- **Gold: Peninsula Red**
- **Silver: Sweet Survivor**

LEDGESTONE VINEYARDS

- **Silver: 2008 Frontenac Reserve**

PARALLEL 44 VINEYARD & WINERY

- **Double Gold: Tundra Red**
- **Double Gold: Frozen Tundra**
- **Gold: Tundra White**
- **Gold: Late Harvest St. Pepin**
- **Silver: Glacier White**
- **Bronze: Rosso**

SINNIPEE VALEY VINEYARD & WINERY

- **Bronze: West End Red**
- **Bronze: Stone House**

VETRO WINERY

- **Bronze: Hillside Golden**

WEGGY WINERY

- **Silver: Marechal Foch**
- **Silver: Black Currant and La Crescent**
- **Silver: St. Croix**
- **Bronze: Leon Millot**
- **Bronze: La Crescent**

WOLLERSHEIM WINERY

- **Best Wisconsin Wine: 2010 Eagle White**
- **Best of Class Red: 2009 Domaine Reserve**
- **Best of Class White: 2010 Eagle White**
- **Double Gold: Ice Wine**
- **Gold: Prairie Fume**
- **Silver: 2010 Domaine du Sac**
- **Silver: Prairie Sunburst Red**
- **Silver: Prairie Blush**
- **Silver: Blushing Rose**
- **Silver: White Port**
- **Silver: Port**

The Wisconsin Grape Growers Association is focused on educating member hobbyists, vineyards and associated companies on the best practices of growing quality grapes in the cold climate of Wisconsin. According to the WGGA mission statement, “The Wisconsin Grape Growers Association is a non-profit agricultural organization dedicated to uniting and educating growers, assisting with research and promoting and protecting the art, science and commerce of viticulture in Wisconsin.” To find out more, please visit www.wigrapes.org.

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