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Galena Cellars honored as most awarded winery at 2011 Illinois State Fair wine competition

GALENA—Galena Cellars Vineyard & Winery, at the hand of winemaker Christine (Chris) Lawlor-White, is honored to have received 18 awards, including the Governor's Cup for white table wine produced from Illinois-grown fruit at the 2011 Illinois State Fair Wine Competition, making it one of the most awarded wineries exhibiting.

Sponsored and coordinated by the Illinois Grape Growers and Vintners Association (IGGVA), the Illinois State Fair Wine Competition was held June 27-29, 2011 at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, where nearly 400 local wines were presented to the panel of eleven judges.

Judging was based on color, balance, aroma, clarity, taste and finish using a 20-point score card. "We are thrilled to have received a perfect '20' from all judges on our Red Raspberry Framboise," said Lawlor-White. "One judge told us that he had never judged an entry where every judge gave the wine a perfect score."

Galena Cellars Red Raspberry Framboise, an exquisite dessert wine in the style of port, received top awards for fruit from any appellation, best of category and a double gold award. "Double gold awards are a result of all judges awarding gold for that entry, which is a prestigious honor," said Lawlor-White.

In total, Galena Cellars earned 11 best of category awards, five double gold; ten silver and three bronze awards in addition to the Governor's Cup for its LaCrosse wine and top awards for wines from any appellation for Red Raspberry Framboise. All eighteen wines submitted received awards at the competition.

"We are excited and honored to receive these awards, and are especially proud of our Illinois-grown grapes and fruit," said winemaker Chris Lawlor-White.

Galena Cellars Vineyard, in rural Galena, Illinois, is home to 22 different specialty grapes, many of which are hybrids developed by universities throughout the country in an effort to create a vine and grape with the hardiness needed to grow in this region. The vineyard is open to the public April through November for tours, tastings and special events. Galena Cellars also offers tasting rooms, wine patios and gift shops in downtown Galena and Geneva, Illinois.

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2011 Illinois State Fair Wine Competition Results for Galena Cellars Vineyard & Winery

CATEGORY	WINE	VINTAGE	AWARD
White Table	Daffodil Festival La Crosse Wine	2010	Governor's Cup for Illinois-Grown Fruit
Fruit/Dessert	Framboise	2010	Top Awards for Wines from any Appellation
Fortified Fruit Dessert	Framboise	2010	Best of Category, Double Gold
Muscat Varietals	Muscat Canelli	2010	Best of Category, Double Gold
Raspberry	Red Raspberry	2010	Best of Category, Double Gold
Peach	Peach	2010	Best in Category, Double Gold
LaCrosse	Daffodil Festival La Crosse Wine	2010	Best of Category, Double Gold
Carbonated, Grape & Non-Grape	Cracklin' Apple	2010	Best of Category, Silver
Other Fruit	Rhubarb	NV	Best of Category, Silver
Marechal Foch	Eric the Red	NV	Best of Category, Silver
St. Croix	Vineyard Red	2010	Best of Category, Silver
Catawba	Country Rose	2010	Best of Category, Silver
Concord	Concord	2010	Best of Category, Silver
Hybrid Blush/Rose	Vineyard Rose	2010	Silver
Cherry	Cherry	2010	Silver
Chardonel	Britt White	2010	Silver
Seyval Blanc	Seyval	2010	Silver
Other Fruit	Sangria	2010	Bronze
Riesling	Riesling	2010	Bronze
Inter-Specific White Blends	General's White	NV	Bronze

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Sources:

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