

Valley wine award winners announced



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The San Joaquin Valley Winegrowers Association held its 5th Annual Wine Competition on June 26. The competition was designed to highlight wines vintned in warm weather regions of the state.

Organizers said they were pleased the San Joaquin Valley entries proved very competitive with the wines entered from other areas. The official results are as

follows:

Best of show:

- Dessert - Quady Winery, Red Electra, California, 2008
- Red - Silkwood Winery, Petite Sirah, California, 2007
- Rose - Chateau Lasgoity, Dry Zin Rose, Madera, 2008
- Sparkling - South Coast Winery, Sparkling Muscat Canelli, California
- White - South Coast Winery, GVR, Temecula Valley, 2008

Gold award winners:

- Cardella Winery, Syrah, Fresno County, 2007
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- Cedar View Winery, Alicante Bouschet, California, 2006
- Cedar View Winery, Tempranillo, Paso Robles, 2007
- Chateau Lasgoity, Blanc du Val, Madera, 2007
- Ehrhardt Estates, Chenin Blanc, Clarksburg, 2006
- La Gondola, Pinot Grigio, California, 2008
- Pasos Vineyard, Dastarte, Lodi, 2005
- Pasos Vineyard, Collaboration, Lodi, 2006
- Quady Winery, Essensia, California, 2007
- Quady Winery, Elysium, California, 2007

- Silkwood Winery, Syrah, California, 2004
- South Coast Winery, Blanc de Blanc, South Coast
- South Coast Winery, Chardonnay, Temecula Valley, 2008
- South Coast Winery, Muscat Canelli, Temecula Valley, 2008
- South Coast Winery, Tempranillo, Temecula Valley, 2007
- Sunfire Estate, Tempranillo, 2005
- Weibel, Raspberry Sparkling, California

Silver award winners:

- Agajanian Vineyards, Muscat Canelli, Madera, 2007
- Agajanian Vineyards, Ani, California, 2007
- Agajanian Vineyards, Malvasia Bianca, Madera, 2007
- Agajanian Vineyards, Volare, Napa Valley, 2006
- Cardella Winery, Chardonnay, Madera, 2008
- Cardella Winery, Ruby Cabernet, Fresno County, 2007
- Fresno State Winery, Syrah, Madera, 2006
- Fresno State Winery, Syrah, Fresno County, 2006
- Fresno State Winery, Petite Sirah, San Joaquin County, 2004
- Pasos Vineyards, Syrah, Lodi, 2006
- Pasos Vineyards, Viognier, Lodi, 2007
- Pasos Vineyards, Touriga, Lodi, 2005
- Pasos Vineyards, Charbono, Lodi, 2007
- Quady Winery, Electra, California, 2008
- Silkwood Winery, Red Duet, California, 2007
- South Coast Winery, Black Jack Port, South Coast

- Z Wines, Syrah, Fresno County, 2006

Bronze award winners:

- Cardella Winery, Sangiovese, Fresno County, 2006
- Cardella Winery, Merlot, Fresno County, 2007
- Cedar View Winery, Viognier, California, 2008
- Ehrhardt Estates, Chenin Blanc, Clarksburg
- Road I Red, Red Table Wine, Mendocino County
- South Coast Winery, Estate Fume, Temecula Valley, 2008
- South Coast Winery, Zinfandel, Cucamonga Valley, 2007
- South Coast Winery, Grenache, Temecula Valley, 2007
- South Coast Winery, Group Therapy, Temecula Valley, 2007
- Sunfire Estate, Cabernet, 2006
- Weibel, Almond Sparkling, California

Wine packaging competition:

- Best Package - Ramos Torres Branches
- Most Creative Package - Road I Red
- Most Artistic - Ehrhardt Estate Late Harvest "Marie" Chenin Blanc
- Cleanest Package - La Gondola Pinot Grigio
- Best Use of Closures - Wend-Tyler Chardonnay
- Most Easily Understood - La Gondola Pinot Grigio
- Best Back Label Description - Cardella Syrah
- People's Choice Award - La Gondola Pinot Grigio