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A Silver Milestone: The 25th Annual Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition Celebrates Another Year of Excellence

Rochester, NY — June 19, 2025 —The Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition (FLIWC) proudly announces another highly successful year, marking its 25th anniversary, raising vital funds for Camp Good Days, a cherished nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting children, families, and adults impacted by cancer or sickle cell anemia.

The FLIWC, an annual event renowned for showcasing the exceptional craftsmanship and diversity of wines and spirits globally, has cemented its reputation as one of the world's largest wine competitions dedicated to a charitable cause. This year's impressive participation reaffirms its premier status within the industry.

“Each year, the Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition showcases the passion and craftsmanship of producers from around the globe,” said Jamie Varble, Event Director of the FLIWC. “We’re incredibly grateful to the winemakers, distillers, judges, sponsors, and volunteers whose commitment makes this event possible—and whose support helps us carry out the life-changing work of Camp Good Days.”

Over 1,200 wines and spirits were meticulously blind judged by a distinguished panel comprised of sommeliers, winemakers, wine writers, experienced spirits judges, and wine and spirit educators. To ensure complete impartiality, entries were presented with only the varietal or blend identified, excluding any information about geography, vintage, or price point.

Awards were granted based on merit:

- Bronze, Silver, and Gold medals recognized quality.
- Double Gold medals were awarded for unanimous judging decisions.
- The prestigious Platinum medal was reserved for wines or spirits demonstrating extraordinary distinction during the "Best in Class" evaluation.

The wines that won the “Best in Class” categories are:

Medal	Winery	Brand	Vintage	Website	State	Country
Best Dry Riesling	Insieme Wines	Dry Riesling	2021	https://insiemewines.com/	New York	United States
Best Non-Dry Riesling	Grand River Cellars	Riesling	2023	https://www.grandrivercellars.com/	Ohio	United States
Best Oaked Chardonnay	CrossKeys Vineyards	2023 Chardonnay	2023	https://crosskeysvineyards.com/	Virginia	United States
Best Unoaked Chardonnay	Fox Run Vineyards	Doyle Family Unoaked Chardonnay	2022	https://foxrunvineyards.com/	New York	United States
Best Sauvignon Blanc	Billsboro Winery	Sauvignon Blanc	2024	https://billsborowinery.com/	New York	United States
Best Sparkling Traditional	Ravines Wine Cellars	Sparkling Riesling	2019	https://ravineswine.com/	New York	United States
Best Sparkling Non-Traditional	Cody Kresta Vineyard and Winery	Sparkling Wine	2023	https://codykrestawinery.com/	Michigan	United States
Best Ice Wine	Riverview Cellars Estate Winery	Vidal Icewine	2023	https://www.riverviewcellars.com/	Ontario	Canada
Best Fruit	Maan Farms Estate Winery	Blueberry	2023	https://maanfarms.com/	British Columbia	Canada
Best Wine & Fruit Blend	Sorrenti Family Estate Winery and Distillery	Blackberry Noir	2024	https://www.sorrentifamilyestate.com/	Pennsylvania	United States
Best Hybrid White	Vineyard Hill Cellars	Valvin Muscat	2024	https://www.vineyardhillcellars.com/	Pennsylvania	United States
Best Hybrid Red	Bear River Vineyards	Emboldened	2022	https://bearrivervineyards.com/	Nova Scotia	Canada
Best Cabernet Sauvignon	Michael Angelo's Winery	Sagebrush	2023	https://www.michaelangelosbakery.com/	Ohio	United States
Best Cabernet Franc	Wolffer Estate Vineyard	Caya Cabernet Franc	2020	https://www.wolffer.com/	New York	United States

Best Merlot	Ledson Winery	Merlot	2019	https://ledson.com/	California	United States
Best Pinot Noir	DANCIN Vineyards	Plie	2023	https://www.dancin.com/	Oregon	United States
Best Vinifera Red Blend	De Simone Vineyards	Stallion	2020	https://www.desimonevineyards.com/	Ontario	Canada
Best Rose´	Three Brothers Wineries and Estates	Zweigelt Rose	2024	https://www.3brotherswinery.com/	New York	United States
Best Native	Johnson Estate Winery, LLC	Ives	2023	https://www.johnsonwinery.com/	New York	United States
Best Mead	Miel Nature Inc.	Signature	2019	https://www.mielnature.com/en/	Quebec	Canada
Best Flavored Mead	Hydromellerie du Vieux Moulin	Hydromel de cassis	NV	https://vieuxmoulin.qc.ca/wp2/	Quebec	Canada
Best Dessert Fortified	Johnson Estate Winery, LLC	Old Oak Gold	NV	https://www.johnsonwinery.com/	New York	United States
Best Dessert Non-Fortified	Gray Ghost Vineyards	Adieu	2024	https://grayghostvineyards.com/	Virginia	United States

The spirits that won the “Best in Class” categories are:

Medal	Winery/Distillery	Brand	Website	State	Country
Best Gin	Black Sheep Distillery	Black Sheep Distillery GIN XXI	https://blacksheepdistilleryny.com/	New York	United States
Best Liqueur	Montezuma Winery & Hidden Marsh Distillery	Ginger Liqueur	https://mfwineriesdistilleries.com/	New York	United States
Best Whiskey	Krooked Tusker Distillery	Spooky Bourbon	https://www.krookedtusker.com/	New York	United States

To celebrate the tremendous success of the FLIWC and its impact, Camp Good Days will host its Annual Wine & Spirits Auction Gala on Friday, October 24, 2025. Guests will have an exclusive opportunity to enjoy and acquire many of the competition's medal-winning wines and spirits through tastings and silent auctions throughout the evening.

For more information about the winning entries and to learn more about the Annual Camp Good Days Wine & Spirits Auction Gala, please visit www.FLIWC-CGD.com or call 585-624-5555.

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About Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition

The Finger Lakes International Wine and Spirits Competition (FLIWC) is a globally recognized wine and spirits competition. Established in 2000 FLIWC is dedicated to not only highlighting the best crafted wines and spirits around the world but also supporting the mission of Camp Good Days & Special Times. All proceeds from this Rochester-based competition go directly to Camp Good Days. For more information regarding the Finger Lakes International Wine and Spirits Competition visit www.fliwc-cgd.com.

About Camp Good Days & Special Times

Camp Good Days and Special Times is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children, families, and adults who have been impacted by cancer or sickle cell anemia through residential summer camping programs on Keuka Lake as well as year-round recreational and support programming. Camp Good Days was founded in 1979 by Gary Mervis to provide a residential camping program for his daughter, Teddi Mervis, and other children with cancer from Upstate New York. Since its inception, Camp Good Days has created over 56,000 good days and special times for campers from 22 states and 36 foreign countries. All programs and services are provided free of charge for the participants. This is only possible through the generous donations of so many individuals and companies and the success of special fundraising events. To learn more about Camp Good Days please call 585-624-5555 or visit www.campgooddays.org.