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LOCATION ~ The 20th Annual Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition (FLIWC) was held July 14-16 and 20-21, 2020. All proceeds from the competition benefit the children and families affected by cancer and sickle cell anemia served by Camp Good Days & Special Times.

Started 20 years ago, The Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition has become one of the largest wine competitions in the world to benefit a charitable organization.

Significant changes were made to the competition to make sure that the health and safety of all involved was at the forefront during the COVID-19 pandemic. Over 2,000 wines and spirits were entered and then blind judged by a distinguished group of judges composed of sommeliers, wine makers, wine writers, and experienced spirits judges. They awarded bronze, silver and gold medals, and where it was unanimous, double gold. The wine portion of the competition was held down at the Camp Good Days recreational facility on Keuka Lake on July 14-16, 2020 and the spirits portion of the competition was held at the headquarters office in Mendon, NY on July 20 and 21, 2020.

All wines and spirits were presented blind to the panel of judges with only the varietal or blend identified. No indication of geography, vintage, or price point is shared, ensuring total unbiased evaluation given to each wine and spirit. The judges award them unanimous Double Gold, Gold, Silver, or Bronze medals.

Insert your medals won and information about your winery/vineyard/distillery here

The event was a success thanks to the many volunteers, the wonderful judges, and the key people who helped make the competition possible.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the FLIWC, usually held in April, was rescheduled to July, and the following Camp Good Days Wine Auction Dinner, usually held in November, will potentially be rescheduled to an online auction. The Camp Good Days Wine Auction will feature only medal winning wines and spirits from the competition.

For more information about the winning entries and the Camp Good Days Wine Auction, please visit the FLIWC website at www.fliwc-cdg.com.

The wines that won the “Best of Categories” are:

| Medal | Winery | Brand | Vintage | Website | State | Country |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Best Cabernet Franc | Snowy Peaks Winery | Cabernet Franc 2018 | 2018 | snowyspeakswinery.com | Colorado | United States |
| Best Cabernet Sauvignon | Plagido’s Winery | 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon | 2017 | Plagidoswinery.com | New Jersey | United States |
| Best Chardonnay | Vignoble de l’Orpailleur | Orpailleur Chardonnay | 2018 | Orpailleur.ca | | Canada |
| Best Fruit | Vinarstvo Miluron | Visnove Vino 2019 | 2019 | Miluron.sk/gb | | Slovakia |
| Best Ice Wine | Willow Springs Winery | Testa 2017 Vidal Icewine | 2017 | Willowspringswinery.com | | Canada |
| Best Merlot | Chateau Valtice | Chateau Valtice Merlot Premium Collection 2017 | 2017 | Vsvaltice.cz | | Czech Republic |
| Best Riesling | Idol Ridge Winery | Riesling | 2018 | Idolridge.com | New York | United States |
| Best Sparkling | Sparkling Pointe | Sparkling Pointe Brut Seduction 2008 | 2008 | Sparklingpointe.com | New York | United States |

The spirits that won the “Best of Categories” are:

| Medal | Winery/Distillery | Brand | Vintage | Website | State | Country |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Best Brandy | Black Ring Distillery | Discord Apple Brandy | NV | | Washington | United States |
| Best Vodka | ROC House Brands | Recipe 21 Vodka | 2020 | | New York | United States |
| Best Whiskey | ROC House Brands | Cask & Crew Rye Whiskey | 2017 | | New York | United States |
| Best Bourbon | Swede Hill Distilling | Single Barrel American Whiskey | NV | | Washington | United States |
| Best Gin | Glencoe Distillery | GinWillis Gin | 2020 | | New Mexico | United States |
| Best Liqueur | Glencoe Distillery | Sacred Grounds | 2020 | | New Mexico | United States |
| Best Rum | ROC House Brands | Auténtico Nativo 15 Year Aged Rum | 2005 | | | Panama |
| Best Flavored Whiskey | Iron Smoke Distillery | Rattlesnake Rosie’s Maple Bacon Whiskey | NV | | New York | United States |

MORE ABOUT CAMP GOOD DAYS AND SPECIAL TIMES:

Camp Good Days and Special Times, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children, adults and families whose lives have been touched by cancer and other life threatening challenges, was founded by Gary Mervis in 1979, following the diagnosis of his youngest daughter, Teddi, with a malignant brain tumor. What was started to provide Teddi and 62 other children with cancer (21 from Rochester, 21 from Buffalo, 21 from Syracuse) with a residential camping experience has grown to become one of the largest organizations of its kind, having served as model for other organizations and cancer treatment centers around the world. Providing residential camping programs and year-round recreational and support activities and events, Camp Good Days has served more than 50,000 campers from 22 states and 36 foreign countries.

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