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21ST ANNUAL FINGER LAKES INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS COMPETITION A SUCCESS

OVER 1,750 WINERIES AND DISTILLERIES SUPPORT CAMP GOOD DAYS

Mendon, NY~ The 21st Annual Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition (FLIWC) was held June 15-17 and June 21, 2021. All proceeds from the competition benefit the children and families of Camp Good Days & Special Times affected by cancer and sickle cell anemia.

Started 21 years ago, the Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition has become one of the largest charitable wine and spirits competitions in the world to be run by a nonprofit organization. This year's competition attracted over 1,750 entries from 10 countries and 43 states. The entries were judged by a distinguished group of judges composed of sommeliers, wine makers, wine writers, experienced spirits judges, and educators. 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 was shared, ensuring total unbiased evaluation given to each wine and spirit. The judges awarded bronze, silver and gold medals, and where it was unanimous, double gold.

The following Camp Good Days Wine & Spirits Auction Dinner is scheduled for November 6, 2021, but will potentially be rescheduled to an online auction. The Camp Good Days Auction will feature medal winning wines and spirits from the competition along with other valuable items.

Significant changes made to the competition last year remained in place to make sure that the health and safety of all involved was at the forefront due to COVID-19. The competition was organized to enable 19 judges in six panels of three, supported by 30 volunteers and staff, to evaluate the entries safely over three days. All judges and volunteers who participated were required to provide proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test prior to the competition.

The wine portion of the competition was held down at the Camp Good Days recreational facility on Keuka Lake on June 15-17, 2021 and the spirits portion of the competition was held at the headquarters office in Mendon, NY on June 21, 2021.

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

Medal	Winery	Brand	Vintage	Website	State	Country
Best Cabernet Franc	Heron Hill Winery	2017 Cabernet Franc	2017	heronhill.com	New York	United States
Best Cabernet Sauvignon	Bricoleur Vineyards	2018 Cabernet Sauvignon	2018	bricoleurvineyards.com	California	United States
Best Chardonnay	Pelee Island Winery	LOLA Chardonnay	2018	peleeisland.com		Canada
Best Fruit	Door Peninsula Winery	Sweet Cherry	NV	www.dcwine.com	Wisconsin	United States
Best Ice Wine	Willow Springs Winery	Testa 2019 Riesling Icewine	2019	Willowsspringswinery.com		Canada
Best Merlot	Clearwater Cayon Cellars	2018 Merlot	2018	clearwatercanyoncellars.com	Idaho	United States
Best Riesling	Red Newt Cellars	The Knoll Lahoma Vineyards Riesling	2016	rednewt.com	New York	United States
Best Sparkling	Idol Ridge Winery	String of Pearls	2018	idolridge.com	New York	United States
Best Vinifera Red Blend	Ron Yates	Friesen Vineyards Amalgamation	2017	ronyateswines.com	Texas	United States
Best Rose	Waltz Vineyards	Stiegel Rose	2020	waltzvineyards.com	Pennsylvania	United States

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

Medal	Winery/Distillery	Brand	Vintage	Website	State	Country
Best Brandy	Miel Nature Inc.	Clair de Lune	NV	mielnature.com		Canada
Best Vodka	Skunktown Distillery	Spicy Vodka	NV	skunktowndistillerynj.com	New Jersey	United States
Best Gin	Don Luchesi Destilaria	O’Gin London Dry	NV			Brazil
Best Liqueur	Von Seiehl Winery Ltd.	Cherry Bounce	NV	vonstiehl.com	Wisconsin	United States
Best Rum	St. Johnsbury Distillery	Dunc’s Elderflower Rum	NV	stjdistillery.com	Vermont	United States
Best Specialty Distilled Spirits	Bodegas & Vinedos D’Yokich SRL	Singani Yokich	NV			Bolivia

For more information about the winning wines and spirits, and the Camp Good Days Auction, please visit the FLIWC website at www.fliwc-cgd.com.

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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