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24th Annual Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition A Success

Rochester, NY- The Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition (FLIWC) proudly announces another successful year, with an impressive participation of over 1,400 entries. Celebrating its 24th year, the competition once again raised vital funds for Camp Good Days, a cherished nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting children and families affected by cancer or sickle cell anemia.

The FLIWC, held annually, showcases the exceptional craftsmanship and diversity of wines and spirits from around the world and has become one of the largest wine competitions in the world to benefit a charitable organization. This year's event attracted a wide array of entries, reaffirming its status as a premier competition in the industry.

Over 1,400 wines and spirits were entered and then blind judged by a distinguished group of judges composed of sommeliers, wine makers, wine writers, experienced spirits judges, as well as wine and spirit educators. They were awarded bronze, silver and gold medals, and where it was unanimous, double gold. A *platinum* medal is awarded to the wine or spirit that holds extraordinary distinction during the "Best in Class" evaluation.

All wines and spirits were presented blindly 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 Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition continues to demonstrate its excellence in uniting dedicated wine and spirit producers from around the world," said Jamie Varble, Event Director of the FLIWC. "Our deepest thanks to all the participants, judges, sponsors, and volunteers who have played a crucial role in making this event a tremendous success, allowing us to support the vital mission of Camp Good Days."

To celebrate the success of the Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition, Camp Good Days will host its Annual Wine & Spirits Auction Gala on November 8, 2024 and will feature medal winning wines and spirits from the competition. Guests will be able to enjoy these award-winning products through tastings and silent auctions throughout the night.

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

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

Medal	Winery	Brand	Vintage	Website	State	Country
Best Sparkling	Three Brothers Wineries and Estates	Carbonated Moscato	2023	3brotherswinery.com	New York	United States
Best Sparkling Petillant Naturel	Mousse Sparkling Wine Co.	Les Bulles Nordiques	2023	moussewinery.com	Minnesota	United States
Best Riesling (Dry)	Sheldrake Point Winery	Dry Riesling	2022	sheldrakepoint.com	New York	United States
Best Riesling (Off Dry)	Silver Thread Vineyard	Late Harvest Select	2022	silverthreadwine.com	New York	United States
Best Chardonnay	Effingham Manor and Winery	Chardonnay	2021	effinghammanor.com	Virginia	United States
Best Hybrid White	Devonian Coast Wineries: Jost Vineyards	Jost Tidal Bay	2022	jostwine.ca	Nova Scotia	Canada
Best Fruit	E. & J. Gallo Winery	Barefoot Bubbly Peach	NV	gallo.com	California	United States
Best Rosé	Rolling Hills Vineyard	Rosé	2023	rollinghillsvineyard.com	Idaho	United States
Best Cabernet Sauvignon	Michael Angelo's Winery	Sagebrush Cabernet Sauvignon	2021	michaelangelosbakery.com	Ohio	United States
Best Cabernet Franc	Pollak Vineyards	Cabernet Franc Reserve	2021	pollakvineyards.com	Virginia	United States
Best Pinot Noir	Johnson Estate Winery, LLC	Feelings Creek Reserve	2022	johnsonwinery.com	New York	United States
Best Hybrid Red	Lanthier Winery	Rifleport Red	2022	www.lanthierwinery.com	Indiana	United States
Best Vinifera Red Blend	Noisy Water Winery	Super New Mexican	2021	noisywaterwinery.com	New Mexico	United States
Best Mead	Miel Nature INC.	Cuvee Prestige	2018	mielnature.com	Quebec	Canada

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

Medal	Winery/Distillery	Brand	Website	State	Country
Best Brandy	Staller Estate Winery	Estate Brandy	stallerestate.com	Wisconsin	United States
Best Whiskey	Spirits of Gettysburg Distillery	Special Smile	battlefieldbrewworks.com	Pennsylvania	United States
Best Flavored Whiskey	Kilimanjaro Distillery LLC	Xplorer Peanut Butter Whiskey	xplorerspirits.com	Pennsylvania	United States
Best Gin	Cosmopolitan SA	Gin Terrier Citric	familiamillan.com		Argentina
Best Liqueur	Indigenous World Spirits	Blackberry Liqueur		British Columbia	Canada

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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 sickle cell anemia, 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.