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## **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition A Success**

***Over 1,850 wine & spirits were judged by a panel of highly qualified judges over the course of three days***

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Branchport, NY ~ The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition (FLIWC) was held June 21-23 and June 27, 2022. 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 22 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.

A few of the significant changes made to the competition over the last few years have remained in place to make sure that the health and safety of all involved is at the forefront due to COVID-19. Over 1,850 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 educators. They awarded bronze, silver and gold medals, and where it was unanimous, double gold. This year, a *platinum* medal is awarded to the wine 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 event was a success thanks to the many volunteers, the wonderful judges, and the key individuals who helped make the competition possible.

The Camp Good Days Wine Auction Dinner Gala, held on November 5, 2022, will feature only medal winning wines and spirits from the competition in a silent auction for all attendees to enjoy.

For more information about the winning entries and the Camp Good Days Wine Auction, please visit the FLIWC website at [www.fliwc-cdg.com](http://www.fliwc-cdg.com).

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

<b>Medal</b>	<b>Winery</b>	<b>Brand</b>	<b>Vintage</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Country</b>
Best Vinifera Red Blend	Ragtag Wine Co.	Meritage	2017	slocoastwine.com	California	United States
Best Tempranillo	Spicewood Vineyards	Black Label Tempranillo	2019	spicewoodvineyards.com	Texas	United States
Best Sparkling	E. & J. Gallo Winery	Barefoot Bubbly Peach	NV	gallo.com	California	United States
Best Rosé	Suhr Wines	Rose	2021	suhruwines.com	New York	United States
Best Fruit & Non-Grape	Door Peninsula Winery	Sweet Cherry	NV	store.dcwine.com	Wisconsin	United States
Best Chardonnay	Chateau Fontaine	Chardonnay	2020	chateaufontaine.com	Michigan	United States
Best Hybrid White	Bluejacket Crossing Winery	Vignoles	2021	bluejacketwinery.com	Kansas	United States
Best Ice Wine	Chalet Debonne Vineyards	Vidal Blanc Ice Wine	2021	debonne.com	Ohio	Canada
Best Cabernet Sauvignon	Pollak Vineyards	Cabernet Sauvignon	2019	pollakvineyards.com	Virginia	United States
Best Riesling (Dry)	Red Newt Cellars	The Knoll Lahoma Vineyards Riesling	2016	rednewt.com	New York	United States
Best Cabernet Franc	Yori Wine Cellars, LLC	Cabernet Franc	2018	yoriwinecellars.com	Pennsylvania	United States

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

<b>Medal</b>	<b>Winery/Distillery</b>	<b>Brand</b>	<b>Vintage</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Country</b>
Best Brandy	Wölffer Estate Vineyard	Wölffer Estate Brandy	3 years	wolffer.com	New York	United States
Best Whiskey	Gervasi Vineyard	Wine Barrel Bourbon	6 vintages	gervasivineyard.com	Wisconsin	United States
Best Liqueur	Von Seiehl Winery Ltd.	Cherry Bounce	NV	vonstiehl.com	Wisconsin	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 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.

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