

Missouri Wine & Grape Board Newsletter

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Norton Fills Governor's Cup

Stone Hill Winery 2007 Cross J Vineyard Norton won the coveted Governor's Cup award at the 2009 Missouri Wine Competition held July 14 - 15. The Governor's Cup winner is widely recognized as the best wine in the Show-Me State, earning the top prize out of the 220 entries in this year's competition.

The Governor's Cup winning Norton was selected from a field of 12 Best of Class honorees:

Sparkling - Mount Pleasant Winery Brut Imperial

Dry White - Montelle Winery 2008 Chardone

Semi-dry White - Montelle Winery 2008 Dry Vignoles

Sweet White - Stone Hill Winery 2008 Vignoles

Dry Red - Stone Hill Winery 2007 Cross J Vineyard Norton

Semi-dry Red - Augusta Winery Reserve Red

Sweet Red - Adam Puchta Winery Riefenstahler

Blush - Twin Oaks Vineyard & Winery Two Brothers

Fruit - St. James Winery Strawberry

Late Harvest/Ice - Stone Hill Winery 2008 Late Harvest Vignoles

Dessert/Fortified - Adam Puchta Winery Signature Port

Distilled - Montelle Winery Peach Brandy

Eleven top national judges tasted 220 wines

→ Flowers to Fruit: Harvest 2009

Did you know that grapevines flower? Like all fruit bearing plants the fruit develops after the flower is pollinated, and grapes are no exception.

Shaped like tiny grape clusters, the mini flowers each develops into an individual fruit if growing conditions permit. Not surprisingly warm, sunny days are optimal for grape flower pollination.

Grapevine flowers don't last long. Flowering in the vineyard occurs over about a week and a half when the embryonic grape clusters are self-fertilized and pollinated. Once pollinated, the fruit begins to develop and grape clusters emerge.

Currently in Missouri's vineyards the grape clusters are developing well. Cooler than average temperatures have slowed things down in the vineyard by about a week but harvest is fast approaching and the grapes will be ready to be picked, pressed and made into wine.

→ Tour of MO

Professional cycling teams from around the world, including many that were racing in the recent Tour de France, will race across the Show-Me state September 7 - 13.



Racers will ride through several of Missouri's wine regions during the course of the Tour. Stage 2 takes the racers up and over the rolling hills along the Mississippi River and through wine country from Ste. Genevieve to Cape Girardeau. In Stage 5, riders will roll out of St. James in the central wine region en route to the state capital in Jefferson City. The Missouri Wine & Grape Board is proud once again to be a Silver sponsor of the TOM. Missouri wines and juice will be served in the VIP areas at each finish city and information on Missouri wines and wineries will be available at the Missouri Wines booth at the Health & Wellness Expos. Go to www.tourofmissouri.com for all things TOM related. Visit

awarding 42 gold, 54 silver and 64 bronze medals during the two-day competition held in Columbia, Mo.

Best varietal awards went to Chaumette Vineyards & Winery 2007 Chambourcin; Montelle Winery 2008 Seyval Blanc, 2008 Chardone1 and 2008 Vidal Icewine; Stone Hill Winery 2008 Vignoles, 2008 Traminette and 2007 Cross J Vineyard Norton

Gold medal award winning wines will be on display in the Agriculture Building at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia from August 13 - 23. For a complete list of winners visit www.missouriwine.org



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→ Wine & Health

Moderate wine intake could help prevent dementia according to researchers at the International Conference on Alzheimer's disease. New research has found that one or two glasses of wine a day may protect older adults from developing dementia. The study found that moderate drinkers at least 75 years old have a lower risk of dementia than those who don't drink at all or drink more than two glasses of wine a day.

→ Site-See

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