

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Burrell School Vineyards Scores Olympic Style Medal Performance in 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Cruz Mountains Wine Competition**

*Burrell School Vineyards Wins One of 16 Gold Medals Awarded*

Los Gatos, CA, August 10, 2008 — The 2005 Estate Pichon Vineyard Syrah was among the 16 wines awarded Gold at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Santa Cruz Mountains Commercial Wine Competition. There were 149 entries submitted this year.

In addition to the high honors and great score awarded to the 2005 “Spring Break” Syrah (90 points), the rest of the Burrell School wines entered scored Silver, with one Bronze:

Burrell School Vineyards, 2004 “Dean’s List” Cabernet Sauvignon, Silver  
Burrell School Vineyards, 2004 Estate “Extra Credit” Cabernet Franc, Silver  
Burrell School Vineyards, 2005 Estate “Principal’s Choice” Pinot Noir, Silver  
Burrell School Vineyards, 2005 Estate “Teacher’s Pet” Chardonnay, Silver  
Burrell School Vineyards, 2005 Estate “Honor Roll” Merlot, Bronze

#### **Best of Show Winners**

The 2008 Santa Cruz Mountains Wine Competition awarded Best of Show to a sweet white port called “Angelica,” from Pichetti Winery of Cupertino. Not far behind was Soquel Vineyards’s 2006 Zinfandel from 106 year-old vines. “Best Santa Cruz Mountains Red Wine” went to the 2005 Kings Mountain Cabernet from Woodside Vineyards. This 100% Cabernet comes in part from the legendary La Questa vines planted in 1884. The “Best Santa Cruz Mountains White Wine” was claimed by the 2006 Beaugard Vineyards Chardonnay from the Bald Mountain vineyard in the Ben Lomond appellation near Bonny Doon, where Beaugard’s tasting room is now located.

Among the other 16 Gold medal winners were these made from Santa Cruz Mountains and/or Santa Clara fruit:

Ahlgren Vineyards, 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Bates Ranch  
Black Ridge Vineyards, 2006 Bordeaux Blend, Black Ridge Vineyard  
**Burrell School Vineyards, 2005 Estate Pichon Vineyard “Spring Break” Syrah**  
Hallcrest Vineyards, 2005 Pinot Noir, Vista del Mar Vineyard  
La Rusticana d’Orsa, 2005 Bordeaux Blend, La Rusticana d’Orsa *Cinque*  
Muccigrosso Vineyards, 2005 “Lyn Zin” Zinfandel  
P.M. Staiger, 2006 Chardonnay, Estate Vineyard

Other notable Silvers from Santa Cruz Mountains fruit included:

Bargetto Winery, 2005 Chardonnay, Reagan Estate  
Black Ridge Vineyards, 2006 Pinot Noir, Estate  
Clos la Chance, 2006 Pinot Noir, Biagini Vineyard  
Fernwood Cellars, 2006 Chardonnay, Vanumanutagi Vineyard  
Hunter Hill Vineyard & Winery, 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Raines Vineyard  
Loma Prieta Winery, 2006 Santa Cruz Mountains Estate Pinot Noir  
PM Staiger, 2004 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

River Run, 2007 Viognier, Santa Cruz Mountains  
Salamandre Wine Cellars, 2006 Pinot Noir, Meadowridge Vineyard  
Santa Cruz Mountain Vineyard, 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Lucchessi Vineyard  
Santa Cruz Mountain Vineyard, 2005 Pinot Noir, Branciforte Creek Vineyard  
Soquel Vineyards, 2005 Pinot Noir, Muns Vineyard  
Wines of Vine Hill, 2005 Gatos Locos Pinot Noir

A complete list of the competition medal winners can be found on the Santa Cruz Mountains Winegrowers Association website: [www.scmwa.com](http://www.scmwa.com) (See the “Press and Publications” section.)

**Taste The Spoils of Victory at the Fair**

You can taste the competition winners at the Santa Cruz County Fair Sept 9<sup>th</sup> through Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. The SCMWA will be pouring a limited tasting of medal winners, including all the gold medalists, on Sat and Sun, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. If you're not completely tired of the Olympics by then, go out and support your local medal-winning wineries.

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