

Nevada City Winery Wins Huge Honors At 2010 New World Intl. Wine Competition

At the recently completed New World International Wine Competition held in southern California in early March, Nevada City Winery took home the prestigious award for “Best” New World Syrah/Shiraz for their 2007 Syrah produced from grapes grown right here in Nevada County.

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In addition to the Best Syrah, Nevada City Winery won Gold Medals for their 2007 Zinfandel and 2006 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon and Silver Medals for 2007 Petit Verdot and Solaire, a Rhone Blend. Nevada City

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Winery winemaker Mark Foster was understandably thrilled with the results. “First of all,” Foster explained, “Nevada County is a great place to grow Syrah. The grapes for this wine came from four local vineyards, each bringing a distinctive character to the final blend.” At an even deeper level, Foster points out that the vineyards are growing different clones of Syrah adding additional complexity and concentration of varietal character. “The art of winemaking is taking all these separate pieces and blending them into one, seamless, complex and delicious wine.

Foster explained that Nevada County is pretty terrific for some other varieties as well. “Cabernet Franc really shines here. Zinfandel does great as well. Plus 2007 was a wonderful year with long, moderate fall weather allowing great hang time for the grapes to develop concentrated flavors.”

The New World Competition is open to wines produced anywhere in the “New World”, including all of North America, Central America, and South America, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. This year a total of 1530 wines were entered with 12% (191 wines) winning Gold Medals. Less than 1% won the prestigious “Best” trophies awards.



Winemaker Mark Foster with assistant, Bill Jennings