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Pieper Porch Winery Wins Awards in 2012 Wisconsin State Fair Professional Wine Competition

Pieper Porch Winery won a silver medal and two bronze medals at the 2012 Wisconsin State Fair Professional Wine Competition held on Thursday, June 21 at the Wisconsin State Fair Exposition Center in West Allis. The competition evaluated 140 wines from 25 Wisconsin wineries.

The future of the Wisconsin wine industry is bright as the judges were once again impressed by the high quality of wines produced here in Wisconsin. "This is an exciting competition to judge as there is such a variety of grapes grown and the winemakers are making delicious, well crafted wines." said Dr. Valery Uhl, Lead Judge.

Uhl, along with Jessica Bell and Dr. Murli Dharmadhikari evaluated the wines at this year's competition. The judges' panel had several years of experience evaluating wines throughout the United States and internationally. In addition, all have experience and passion for the grape varieties grown and the wines produced in the upper Midwest.

"The Wisconsin State Fair Professional Wine Competition is impressive," said Dr. Murli Dharmadhikari. "I found the wine quality superior and feel Wisconsin wineries are doing an excellent job implementing recently introduced cold climate grape varieties into their wines. Wisconsin grown fruit wines were equally impressive. I believe the future of the Wisconsin grape and wine industry looks very promising." said Dr. Murli Dharmadhikari.

The contest coordinator for the event was Wisconsin native Becky Rochester who also works as the Grape Marketing Coordinator for the Wisconsin Grape Growers Association. She stated, "The Wisconsin wine industry is booming. The state has over 80 wineries and continues to grow each year. This competition saw explosive growth in our second year, and it nicely compliments the Fair's current cheese, butter and meat competitions."

For more information on award winning wines visit www.wistatefair.com/fair_competitions/judging_results.html on the Wisconsin State Fair website or attend the 2012 Wisconsin State Fair August 2nd -12th presented by U.S. Cellular where the award-winning wines will be on display.

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