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New Wine Awards for August Hill Winery

PERU – August Hill Winery had a successful spring at four wine competitions. At the 2009 World Wine Competition given by the Beverage Tasting Institute, August Hill received a “Highly Recommended” rating for Frontenac Rosé Sparkling Wine, Hieland Red, and Harmony Sparkling Wine. Their Brut Cuvée Sparkling Wine and Seyval Blanc received “Recommended” ratings. The reviewers had this to say about Frontenac Rosé: “Electric scarlet violet color. Aromas of Heath bars and cherry cobbler are intoxicating and follow through on an effervescent, smooth entry to a fruity-yet-dry medium body with tangy cranberry and apple skin notes. Finishes with a crisp, refreshing fade. Very nice and very fun.”

August Hill competed against over 3,000 wines from 10 countries at the 2009 Indy International Wine Competition and received medals for all of the wines they submitted. August Hill Winery's Vignoles received a Gold Medal; Silver Medals were awarded to the Hieland Red, Seyval Blanc, and Harmony Sparkling Wine; their Cabernet Sauvignon, Frontenac Rosé Sparkling Wine, and Traminette all received Bronze Medals. These wines were in competition with wines from France, Australia, Spain and California, to name a few.

AHW also entered three wines in the International Eastern Wine Competition and received medals for all three. Wineries from 13 countries submitted over 2,200 entries. AHW received Silver Medals for their Frontenac Rosé Sparkling Wine and Seyval Blanc and a Bronze Medal for their Hieland Red.

AHW received 12 medals at the 2009 Illinois State Fair Commercial Wine Competition. They received "Best of Category" awards for Harmony Sparkling Wine, Hieland Red, Muscato, Almond Infusion and Raspberry Infusion. Receiving bronze medals were the Frontenac Rosé Sparkling Wine, Brut Cuvée Sparkling Wine, Berlyn, Seyval Blanc, Vignoles, and Ginocchio III. There were 425 wines entered in this competition.

As we head into summer, August Hill has one additional competition coming up, but their efforts are concentrated on the vineyard and the winery. Right now, the grapes are only the size of a pea, but there will be some major growth in the next couple of months with our warm summer days. The grapes will be harvested in August and then crushed and pressed as the winery prepares to create over 10,000 gallons of wine.