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THE 2011 DMACC MID-AMERICAN WINE COMPETITION AWARDS 394 MEDALS FROM 538 WINE ENTRIES

Brigadoon Winery received a gold medal and 2 silver medals in the Fifth Annual Mid-American Wine Competition held at the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Ankeny, IA Campus. This included a sweepstakes nomination for their Kiss Me Kate Strawberry Wine.

"These wines were top notch," said Bob Foster, Director of the Mid-American Wine Competition (MAWC.) "Consumers ought to track them down and enjoy them."

The competition was held July 8-10 and included wines from 14 Midwestern states. Over 530 wines were entered by 82 different wineries. Professional wine judges from throughout the United States awarded 68 gold medals, 173 silver medals, and 153 bronze medals. Full results can be found at www.midamericanwine.org.

"The quality of the wines from the Midwest is very impressive," said lead judge Doug Frost of Kansas City. "It conclusively demonstrates that the Midwest is making top notch wines."

In selecting judges, emphasis was placed upon finding experts in wine production, wine service and wine distribution. The judges were selected by Chief Judge Doug Frost of Kansas City, who is one of only three persons in the world to earn both the coveted Master of Wine degree and the Master Sommelier title. The judging panel included a mix of seasoned professionals and a select group of local wine judges who passed a strenuous Judges Qualifying Exam. The judges have over 200 years of cumulative judging experience.

"The local volunteers who made this competition possible, were some of the finest, hard-working people I have ever met," said MAWC Director Bob Foster, who has been running California wine competitions for over 25 years. "They were superb and made the competition possible. They were flawless."

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