

JACKSON-TRIGGS WINS IWSC 'WORLD'S BEST' DESSERT WINE TROPHY FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

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Derek Kontkanen, **Jackson-Triggs Okanagan Estate Winemaker**, has just returned from **London, England** where he accepted the prestigious **'World's Best' Dessert Wine Trophy** at the **IWSC Awards Banquet** for his **2007 Proprietors' Reserve Riesling Icewine**. The **2011 Awards Banquet for the International Wine and Spirits Competition** hosts the wine world's finest producers.

Founded in 1969, the **International Wine and Spirits Competition** is recognized as the world's premier competition of its kind. Its aim is to promote the quality and excellence of the world's best wines, spirits and liqueurs.

Jackson-Triggs is no stranger to top awards at **IWSC**. This **2011 Trophy** on its own is a major win for **Derek** but it is the second year in a row that he has captured this highly sought after award. **Derek** won the **Best Dessert Wine Trophy** in **2010** with his **Proprietors' Grand Reserve Riesling Icewine 2007** while **Winemaker Brooke Blair** was awarded the **'World's Best' Merlot Trophy** for her **2007 Jackson-Triggs Proprietors' Grand Reserve Merlot**. **Jackson-Triggs** has previously captured **IWSC Top Canadian Producer** in **2010, 2007**.

Derek proudly accepted the **Best Dessert Wine Trophy** this year from the **President of the IWSC Prince Robert of Luxembourg** as pictured below.



Derek comments:

"I am very proud of winning the Best Dessert Wine Trophy for the second year in a row as it certainly reinforces our ability to make world class wines in the Okanagan. There are many collective efforts of our dedicated team from the vineyard through to the cellar."

Okanagan Estate white winemaker **Derek Kontkanen**, a native of Southern Ontario, started his career as a vineyard assistant at Inniskillin while attending the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute at Brock University in Niagara, both fostering in him to learn and master the art of Icewine.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Jackson-Triggs Okanagan Estate Winemakers -Derek Kontkanen (Icewines and white wines) and Brooke Blair (red wines)

Full list of awards won by Jackson-Triggs Okanagan Estate:

One Gold Best of Class Awards; one Silver Best of Class; seven Silver Awards and three Bronze Awards

BEST IN CLASS, Gold: 2007 Proprietors' Reserve Riesling Icewine

BEST IN CLASS, Silver: 2007 Proprietors' Grand Reserve Shiraz

Silver: 2009 Gold Series Riesling Icewine

Silver: 2009 Gold Series Chardonnay

Silver: 2008 Gold Series Shiraz SunRock Vineyard

Silver: 2008 Silver Series Cabernet Sauvignon

Silver: 2007 Proprietors' Reserve Shiraz

Silver: 2007 Proprietors Grand Reserve Red Meritage

Silver: 2007 SunRock Meritage

Bronze: 2009 Silver Series Viognier

Bronze: 2008 Gold Series Merlot

Bronze: 2008 Gold Series Cabernet Shiraz Viognier

CONGRATULATIONS TO Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate Winemakers Marco Piccoli and Amy Bond for their strong showing at IWSC.

Full list of awards won by Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate:

One Best in Class Gold, four Best of Class Silver, one Gold, two Silver and two Bronze.

BEST IN CLASS, Gold: Delaine Vineyard Riesling Icewine 2007

BEST IN CLASS, Silver: ENTOURAGE Méthode Classique Brut 2006

BEST IN CLASS, Silver: Silver Series Sauvignon Blanc 2009

BEST IN CLASS, Silver: Delaine Vineyard Syrah 2007

BEST IN CLASS, Silver: Silver Series Chardonnay 2009

Gold: Proprietors' Reserve Vidal Icewine 2007

Silver: Proprietors' Grand Reserve Syrah 2007

Silver: Gold Series Fume Blanc 2009

Bronze: Gold Series White Meritage 2009

Bronze: Black Series Sauvignon Blanc 2009

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