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Cold Climate Wine Competition**



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**Four Daughters La Crescent
wine takes top honors at cold-climate competition**

Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., (8/16/2012) - 2011 La Crescent wine from Four Daughters Vineyard and Winery in Spring Valley, Minn., won the coveted Minnesota Governor's Cup trophy at the 2012 International Cold Climate Wine Competition (ICCWC), held today at the University of Minnesota's Conference Center in St. Paul.

The Minnesota Governor's Cup, a large silver ice bucket, recognizes the "Best of Show" or top prize of all Minnesota gold-winning wines. This is fourth year the traveling trophy has been awarded.

The Four Daughters 2011 La Crescent also won the "Best of Show" award for the top white wine. Other "Best of Show" awards went to the Shelburne Vineyard, Shelburne, Vt., for its 2010 Marquette Reserve, as best red wine and to the Danzinger Vineyards, Alma, Wis., for its Midnight Voyage Dessert Red Wine, for best specialty/fortified wine.

This year's competition included more than 325 wines from commercial wineries in 12 states and Canada. Awards were based on blind tastings by 21 expert judges, who include wine writers, restaurateurs, retailers and wine educators. Three-judge panels determined the initial awards, with the top-scoring Best of Show wines evaluated by seven-judge panels and all 21 judges for the Minnesota Governor's Cup award.

The ICCWC is a partnership between the [Minnesota Grape Growers Association](#) and the [University of Minnesota](#), which developed several of the cold-hardy grapes used to make the wines in the competition. It is coordinated by Gordon Rouse, AWS Certified Judge, of the Minnesota Grape Growers Association (MGGA); Gary Gardner, professor of horticultural science in the university's College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences; Katie Cook, University of Minnesota enologist; and Kristo Sween of the MGGA.

The competition is open to commercial wineries meeting the criteria for cold-hardy grape or fruit content. In 2012, a total of 2 Double Gold, 20 Gold, 61 Silver, and 79 Bronze medals were awarded. In addition, "Best of Show" designations were awarded to wines rated as the finest in various areas. Double Gold medals require unanimity among a panel's judges that a wine deserves a Gold medal, whereas Gold medals require a majority vote.

In addition to the University of Minnesota and the MGGA, the ICCWC was made possible with the financial support of the Minnesota Farm Winery Association, Minnesota Wines at the Fair, the Minneapolis Commons Hotel, MDT & Associates, WineWare Software, and Double A Vineyards, Inc.

State	Winery	Wine Name	Category Entered
DOUBLE GOLD			
MN	Hinterland Vineyards	Marquette Reserve	Single Varietal: Marquette
WI	Danzinger Vineyards	Midnight Voyage	Specialty: Red- Fortified
GOLD			
IA	Eagle's Landing Winery	Brambleberry	Non-Grape: Berry
MN	Cannon River Winery	St. Pepin	Single Varietal: St. Pepin
MN	Cannon River Winery	Sogn Blush	Blush/Rose: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Indian Island Winery	Marquette	Single Varietal: Marquette
MN	Whispering Oaks Winery	Frontenac Gris	Single Varietal: Frontenac Gris
MN	Winehaven Winery and Vineyard	Strawberry-Rhubarb Wine	Non-Grape: Fruit Blends
MN	Wild Mountain Winery Inc.	La Crescent	Single Varietal: La Crescent
MN	Four Daughters Vineyard and Winery	La Crescent	Single Varietal: La Crescent
NE	Mac's Creek Winery & Vineyards	Mac's Lantern	Single Varietal: Frontenac
NY	Coyote Moon Vineyards	Brianna	Single Varietal: Brianna
NY	Tug Hill Vineyards	43 Lat Red	Single Varietal: Marquette
SD	Prairie Berry Winery	Frontenac Gris	Single Varietal: Frontenac Gris
SD	Prairie Berry Winery	Red Ass Rhubarb	Non-Grape: Other Fruit/rhubarb
VT	Shelburne Vineyard	Marquette Reserve	Single Varietal: Marquette
VT	Lincoln Peak Vineyard, LLC	Late Harvest Lacrescent	Specialty: White - Sweet/Late Harvest/Dessert
WI	Danzinger Vineyards	Sunset Ridge	Single Varietal: Frontenac
WI	Danzinger Vineyards	Raspberry Table Wine	Non-Grape: Berry
WI	Sandstone Ridge Vineyard & Winery	Frontenac Rose	Blush/Rose: Single Varietal and Blends
WI	Armstrong Apples & Orchard Winery	Raspberry	Non-Grape: Berry
QC	Vignoble Le Chat Botte	Vin de Paille Gris	Specialty: White - Sweet/Late Harvest/Dessert
SILVER			
IA	Garden Winery	Frontenac Rose	Blush/Rose: Single Varietal and Blends
IA	Tassel Ridge Winery	La Crescent	Single Varietal: La Crescent
IA	Calico Skies Vineyard and Winery	American Brianna	Single Varietal: Brianna
IA	Calico Skies Vineyard and Winery	Blueberry	Non-Grape: Berry
IA	Eagle's Landing Winery	Uff-da	Non-Grape: Berry
MN	Cannon River Winery	Sogn Blanc	Single Varietal: Edelweiss
MN	Carlos Creek Winery	Frontenac	Single Varietal: Frontenac
MN	Carlos Creek Winery	Hot Dish Red	Semi-Sweet Red: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Carlos Creek Winery	White Marquette	Blush/Rose: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Carlos Creek Winery	Apple Blueberry	Non-Grape: Fruit Blends

MN	Falconer Vineyards	Maple Red	Semi-Sweet Red: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Glacial Ridge Winery	Castle Rock Red	Semi-Sweet Red: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Glacial Ridge Winery	Sippin From a Slipper	Single Varietal: La Crescent
MN	Glacial Ridge Winery	Prairie Star	Single Varietal: Prairie Star
MN	Hinterland Vineyards	La Crescent	Single Varietal: La Crescent
MN	Indian Island Winery	St. Pepin	Single Varietal: St. Pepin
MN	Parley Lake Winery	La Crescent	Single Varietal: La Crescent
MN	Parley Lake Winery	Marquette	Single Varietal: Marquette
MN	Parley Lake Winery	Lake Side White	Single Varietal: La Crescent
MN	Saint Croix Vineyards	Frontenac Gris	Single Varietal: Frontenac Gris
MN	Saint Croix Vineyards	Marechal Foch	Single Varietal: Marechal Foch
MN	Saint Croix Vineyards	Rose	Blush/Rose: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Whispering Oaks Winery	Marquette	Single Varietal: Marquette
MN	Winehaven Winery and Vineyard	Frontenac	Single Varietal: Frontenac
MN	Wild Mountain Winery Inc.	Rustic Red	Dry Red: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	Marquette Reserve	Single Varietal: Marquette
MN	Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	Petite Colline	Semi-Sweet White: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	Frostbite	Specialty: White - Fortified
MN	Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	Coeur de Colline	Specialty: Red- Fortified
MN	Four Daughters Vineyard and Winery	Frontenac Rose	Blush/Rose: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Four Daughters Vineyard and Winery	Brianna	Single Varietal: Brianna
MN	Four Daughters Vineyard and Winery	Sparkling Frontenac Gris	Specialty: Sparkling Grape
MN	Forestedge Winery	Forestedge Rhubarb/Raspberry	Non-Grape: Fruit Blends
NE	Feather River Vineyards	Feather River Regale	Semi-Sweet White: Single Varietal and Blends
NE	Mac's Creek Winery & Vineyards	Celtic Aire	Single Varietal: LaCrosse
NY	Coyote Moon Vineyards	Twisted Sister	Semi-Sweet Red: Single Varietal and Blends
NY	Tug Hill Vineyards	43 Lat White	Dry White: Single Varietal and Blends
NY	Hid-In-Pines Vineyard	Petite Amie	Dry White: Single Varietal and Blends
SD	Prairie Berry Winery	St. Pepin	Single Varietal: St. Pepin
VT	Fresh Track Farm	La Crescent	Single Varietal: La Crescent
VT	Fresh Track Farm	Maple Wine	Non-Grape: Mead/Mead-Fruit Blends; Maple syrup; Maple syrup/Fruit Blends
VT	Lincoln Peak Vineyard, LLC	Marquette	Single Varietal: Marquette
VT	Lincoln Peak Vineyard, LLC	Ragtime	Semi-Sweet Red: Single Varietal and Blends

WI	Seven Hawks Vineyards	Frontenac Reserve	Single Varietal: Frontenac
WI	Wollersheim Winery	Cedar Creek Winery Bon Vivant	Single Varietal: Marechal Foch
WI	Wollersheim Winery	Prairie Blush	Blush/Rose: Single Varietal and Blends
WI	Wollersheim Winery	Eagle White	Semi-Sweet White: Single Varietal and Blends
WI	Danzinger Vineyards	Twilight Delight	Single Varietal: Marquette
WI	Danzinger Vineyards	Golden Sunrise	Single Varietal: Frontenac Gris
WI	Danzinger Vineyards	Mississippi Mist	Single Varietal: La Crescent
WI	Sandstone Ridge Vineyard & Winery	La Crescent	Single Varietal: La Crescent
WI	Sandstone Ridge Vineyard & Winery	Frontenac Sweet Red	Single Varietal: Frontenac
WI	Sandstone Ridge Vineyard & Winery	LaCrescent Sweet	Single Varietal: La Crescent
WI	Sandstone Ridge Vineyard & Winery	Frontenac Dessert	Specialty: Red- Fortified
WI	West Prairie Winery	Elmaro La Crescent	Single Varietal: La Crescent
WI	West Prairie Winery	Elmaro La Crescent Sweet White	Specialty: White - Sweet/Late Harvest/Dessert
WI	Armstrong Apples & Orchard Winery	Apple Wine, semi-sweet	Non-Grape: Apple & Pear
WI	Armstrong Apples & Orchard Winery	Peach	Non-Grape: Stone Fruit
IL	Illinois Sparkling Co.	ISC Sparkling Brut	Specialty: Sparkling Grape
IL	Illinois Sparkling Co.	Stereo	Specialty: Sparkling Grape
IL	Illinois Sparkling Co.	Dollface Rose	Specialty: Sparkling Grape
BRONZE			
IA	Garden Winery	Edelweiss	Single Varietal: Edelweiss
IA	Garden Winery	Brianna	Single Varietal: Brianna
IA	Tassel Ridge Winery	Brianna	Single Varietal: Brianna
IA	Tassel Ridge Winery	Blackberry	Non-Grape: Berry
IA	Calico Skies Vineyard and Winery	Iowa Frontenac	Single Varietal: Frontenac
IA	Calico Skies Vineyard and Winery	Iowa Marquette	Single Varietal: Marquette
IA	Calico Skies Vineyard and Winery	Iowa Frontenac Gris	Single Varietal: Frontenac Gris
IA	Calico Skies Vineyard and Winery	Iowa La Crescent	Single Varietal: La Crescent
IA	Calico Skies Vineyard and Winery	Raspberry	Non-Grape: Berry
IA	Eagle's Landing Winery	Rohde Red	Dry Red: Single Varietal and Blends
MI	Leigh's Garden Winery	Old Escanaba	Dry Red: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Cannon River Winery	Winter Ice	Specialty: White - Sweet/Late Harvest/Dessert
MN	Carlos Creek Winery	Marquette	Single Varietal: Marquette
MN	Carlos Creek Winery	You Betcha Blush	Blush/Rose: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Carlos Creek Winery	Wobegon White	Semi-Sweet White: Single

			Varietal and Blends
MN	Carlos Creek Winery	Aurora	Specialty: Sparkling Grape
MN	Carlos Creek Winery	Apple Cranberry	Non-Grape: Fruit Blends
MN	Crow River Winery	Marquette	Single Varietal: Marquette
MN	Crow River Winery	Honeycrisp Cranberry	Non-Grape: Fruit Blends
MN	Falconer Vineyards	Potter Johns Special	Semi-Sweet White: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Falconer Vineyards	LaCrescent Moon	Specialty: White - Fortified
MN	Fieldstone Vineyards	Frontenac Gris	Single Varietal: Frontenac Gris
MN	Hinterland Vineyards	Happy Creek Red	Single Varietal: Frontenac
MN	Indian Island Winery	Island Smoke	Dry White: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Indian Island Winery	Dreamcatcher	Blush/Rose: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Indian Island Winery	Prairie Wind	Dry White: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Indian Island Winery	Frontenac Gris Late Harvest	Specialty: White - Sweet/Late Harvest/Dessert
MN	Millner Heritage Vineyard & Winery	Naplemente	Blush/Rose: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Parley Lake Winery	Frontenac Gris	Single Varietal: Frontenac Gris
MN	Richwood Winery	Richwood Marquette	Single Varietal: Marquette
MN	Richwood Winery	Richwood Frontenac Gris	Single Varietal: Frontenac Gris
MN	Saint Croix Vineyards	La Crescent	Single Varietal: La Crescent
MN	Saint Croix Vineyards	Port	Specialty: Red- Fortified
MN	Winehaven Winery and Vineyard	Frontenac Gris	Single Varietal: Frontenac Gris
MN	Winehaven Winery and Vineyard	St. Croix	Single Varietal: St. Croix
MN	Winehaven Winery and Vineyard	Rhubarb Wine	Non-Grape: Other Fruit/rhubarb
MN	Whitewater Wines	Fischer Hill Red	Dry Red: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Wild Mountain Winery Inc.	Frontenac Gris	Single Varietal: Frontenac Gris
MN	Wild Mountain Winery Inc.	Frontenac Rosé	Blush/Rose: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Wild Mountain Winery Inc.	Prairie Star	Single Varietal: Prairie Star
MN	Wild Mountain Winery Inc.	Elmer's White	Semi-Sweet White: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	Marquette	Single Varietal: Marquette
MN	Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	Kasota Rose	Blush/Rose: Single Varietal and Blends
MN	Four Daughters Vineyard and Winery	Marquette	Single Varietal: Marquette
MN	Morgan Creek Vineyards	Colure	Single Varietal: Marquette
MN	River View Winery LLC	Marquette	Single Varietal: Marquette
MN	Forestedge Winery	White Cranberry Wine	Non-Grape: Berry
MN	Forestedge Winery	Cranberry Wine	Non-Grape: Berry
NE	Feather River Vineyards	Feather River St. Croix	Single Varietal: St. Croix
NE	Feather River Vineyards	Feather River Edelweiss	Single Varietal: Edelweiss
NE	Mac's Creek Winery & Vineyards	Pinky's	Non-Grape: Berry
NY	Coyote Moon Vineyards	Frontenac	Single Varietal: Frontenac
NY	Coyote Moon Vineyards	Marquette	Single Varietal: Marquette
NY	Thousand Islands Winery	Frontenac	Single Varietal: Frontenac

NY	Thousand Islands Winery	Frontenac XXX	Specialty: Red- Fortified
NY	Tug Hill Vineyards	La Crescent	Single Varietal: La Crescent
NY	Hid-In-Pines Vineyard	St. Pepin	Single Varietal: St. Pepin
SD	Prairie Berry Winery	Frontenac	Specialty: Red- Fortified
SD	Prairie Berry Winery	Crab Apple	Non-Grape: Apple & Pear
SD	Prairie Berry Winery	Apricot	Non-Grape: Stone Fruit
SD	Prairie Berry Winery	Chokecherry Medley	Non-Grape: Berry
SD	Prairie Berry Winery	Honeywine Raspberry	Non-Grape: Mead/Mead-Fruit Blends; Maple syrup; Maple syrup/Fruit Blends
VT	Shelburne Vineyard	Marquette	Single Varietal: Marquette
VT	Shelburne Vineyard	In Spite of Irene	Semi-Sweet Red: Single Varietal and Blends
VT	Shelburne Vineyard	Louise Swenson	Dry White: Single Varietal and Blends
WI	Wollersheim Winery	Domaine du Sac	Single Varietal: Marechal Foch
WI	Wollersheim Winery	Port	Specialty: Red- Fortified
WI	Wollersheim Winery	Prairie Sunburst	Single Varietal: Marechal Foch
WI	Danzinger Vineyards	Sweet Ruby	Single Varietal: Marquette
WI	Danzinger Vineyards	White Velvet	Single Varietal: Frontenac Gris
WI	Danzinger Vineyards	Waumandee White	Single Varietal: La Crescent
WI	Danzinger Vineyards	Bluff Top Breeze	Single Varietal: Brianna
WI	Danzinger Vineyards	River Paradise	Single Varietal: Brianna
WI	Sandstone Ridge Vineyard & Winery	Edelweiss	Single Varietal: Edelweiss
WI	Valley Vineyard LTD	Marquette	Single Varietal: Marquette
WI	Valley Vineyard LTD	Frontenac Rosé	Blush/Rose: Single Varietal and Blends
WI	Valley Vineyard LTD	Frontenac Gris "Bella Oak"	Single Varietal: Frontenac Gris
QC	Vignoble Le Chat Botte	Le Chat Botte, Rose	Blush/Rose: Single Varietal and Blends
IL	Illinois Sparkling Co.	Heirloom	Specialty: Sparkling Grape

Competition Judges:

- Murli Dharmadhikari, (Enologist, Iowa State University)
- Anna Katharine Mansfield, (Enologist, Cornell University)
- Bradley Beam (Enologist/Winemaker)
- Dan Berger (Wine Writer - Vintage Experiences)
- Nick Smith (Enologist, University of Minnesota)
- John Garland (Wine Writer - The Heavy Table)
- Nick Barth (Sommelier, Owner Cruwineonline.com)
- Leslee Miller (Sommelier, Owner Amusee Wine)
- Beth Jones (Executive Chef, Campus Club)
- Peter Plaehn (Sommelier, Nicollet Island Inn)
- Bob Parke (Author, Northern Winework)
- Rebecca Rochester (Winemaking Consultant, Wisconsin Grape Growers Association Marketing Coordinator)
- Bill Abrahamson (Wine Buyer, Liquors Plus)
- Dana Bonelli (Wine Buyer, Southern Wine and Spirits)
- Scott Davis (Owner Toast Wine Bar, 45th parallel spirits)
- Hans Walter-Peterson (Enologist, Cornell University)

- Ellie Butz (Enologist, Purdue University)
- Michael Grabner (Wine Buyer/Manager - Century Wine & Spirits)
- Karine Pedneault, PhD (Researcher, Centre de Développement Bioalimentaire du Québec)
- Paul Giese (Sommelier, founder of winetable.com)
- Dan Keyport (Wine buyer/Owner, La Dolce Vida Wine)

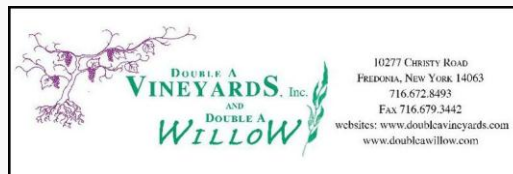
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