



## **Tahoe Ridge Winery Wins at the Granddaddy of all Wine Competitions The California State Fair**

- 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon, Teeslink Vineyard - Bronze Medal (100% California Grapes)
- 2006 Reserve Petite Sirah, Teeslink Vineyard - Bronze Medal (100% California Grapes)

The California Wine Competition is the oldest (dating back to the mid 1850's) and largest (with over 600 wineries submitting over 3,000 wines for judging) wine competition in the United States.

Up until this year (2009) wines were submitted to the California State Fair Wine Competition from California Wineries only.

Tahoe Ridge Winery has submitted request to the State Fair Chief Judge for the past four years to allow the entry of wines from outside the State of California as long as the wines contained a minimum of 75% California fruit. In February 2009 Tahoe Ridge Winery was notified that the California State Fair Chief Judge will now allow entries from the States of Arizona, Nevada and Oregon (all states bordering the State of California).

The California State Fair amasses over 65 professional judges to judge all entries for a period of one week. It is a true honor for Tahoe Ridge Winery to be represented up against some of the top wines in the world and be awarded a medal for our efforts.

Once again my thanks goes out to the hard working and dedicated staff, the investors, the growers and the customers that continue to purchase all the great Tahoe Ridge Wines. This brings our medal count to 14 medals for the 2009 season.

The next big competition that we are awaiting results on is the Orange County Wine Society Wine Competition in Southern California. This competition is similar to the California State Fair Wine Competition in that Tahoe Ridge Winery had to petition the Orange County Wine Society to allow wines from outside the State of California to enter the competition. Permission was granted in April 2009 for wineries from the State of Nevada to enter this wine competition as long as the entries included a minimum of 75% California grapes.

I will conclude, that in the years to come that neither the Orange County Wine Society and/or the California State Fair would like to see a 100% Nevada based wine place top honors as Best of Show in either of their competitions (Ha)!

Tahoe Ridge Winery and the Nevada Wine and Grape Growers Association (NWGGA) has hosted (each August) for the past 15 years the Nevada State Fair Amateur Wine Competition. We are looking to develop this wine competition into a commercial wine competition by 2010/2011 to support the developing Nevada wine industry.

Again, I thank you for all your continued support...

All the best,

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