

# THE FOURTH ANNUAL CANADIAN FRUIT WINE COMPETITION

The Competition was held successfully in Guelph on Sunday, February 23, 2003 in spite of a snow storm that impacted on our plans to include a wider range of judges.

A great deal of thanks must go to Tom Van Zuiden, who headed up the judging, and Gord Barnes who tabulated the results so efficiently, and to all the judges who did make it that morning.

I would also like to thank all those at Southbrook Winery who received and stored the entries again this year. Thank you Bill Redelmeier and crew!

Entries actually increased this year to 142 wines from 25 wineries across Canada, British Columbia to Newfoundland.

There were a total of 6 gold medals awarded, 26 silver, and 41 bronze.

The top category with 3 golds was once again the Very Sweet/Iced category.

## **Top Winery Trophy:**

Goes to Archibalds Winery in Ontario. With 15 entries Archibalds amassed 626 points and an average-leading score of 41.733 points. This was the only winery to win 2 golds as well.

## **Best of Show:**

The Sharon Burke Trophy goes to Rush Creek Winery for their outstanding MAPLE RUSH which topped all entries.

## **Winners of the additional trophies donated by APM and SCOTT Labs included:**

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| 1. <b>Dry Table Class:</b> | Birtch Farms, Ontario | Black Currant (silver) |
| 2. <b>Semi-Dry/Social:</b> | Meadow Lane, Ontario  | Gooseberry (gold)      |
| 3. <b>Medium-Sweet:</b>    | Archibalds, Ontario   | Apple/Cherry (gold)    |
| 4. <b>Very Sweet/Iced:</b> | Rush Creek, Ontario   | Maple Rush (gold)      |
| 5. <b>Fortified:</b>       | The Fort Winery, B.C  | Gold Rush Peach (gold) |

## **The other two gold medal winners were:**

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| - Canadian Maple | from Archibalds   | (Apple and Maple Syrup) |
| - Blueberry      | from Scotch Block | (Iced Blueberry)        |

Gold Medals were awarded for scores over 83

Silver Medals for scores 79 and over

Bronze Medals for scores 74 and over

The average of all judge scores was 71.9 this year compared to 72.3 last year.

Jim Warren  
Executive Director, FWO

## MEDAL WINNERS    FRUIT WINES OF CANADA    2003

<b>Gold</b>	<b>Entry</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Class</b>
Archibald Orchards & Estate Winery Ltd.	13	Sweet Apple Cherry	Med-Sweet
	14	Canadian Maple	Very Sweet
Fort Wine Company, The	7	Gold Rush Peach/Apricot	Fortified
Meadow Lane Winery Ltd.	3	Gooseberry	Semi-Dry
Rush Creek Wines Ltd.	6	Maple Rush	Very Sweet
Scotch Block Country Winery	3	Blueberry Bouquet	Very Sweet

<b>Silver</b>	<b>Entry</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Class</b>
Archibald Orchards & Estate Winery Ltd.	3	Apple Black Currant	Semi-Dry
	5	Apple Raspberry	Semi-Dry
	10	Apple-Peach	Med-Sweet
	11	Royal Raspberry	Med-Sweet
	12	Sweet Apple Black Currant	Med-Sweet
Bellamere Winery	7	Bosc Pear	Semi-Dry
Birtch Farms Estate Winery	1	Black Currant Apple	Dry-Table
Downey's Estate Winery	1	Gooseberry	Dry-Table
	2	Black Currant	Semi-Dry
Fort Wine Company, The	3	Peach/Apricot Wine	Dry-Table
	4	Strawberry Wine	Semi-Dry
	9	Wild Blue Yonder Blueberry	Fortified
	10	Wild West Blackberry	Fortified
	11	Iced Apple	Very Sweet
Harvest Estate Wines	2	Nectarine-Peach	Med-Sweet
	3	Blueberry Mist	Med-Sweet
Hernder Estate Wines	5	Iced Peach	Med-Sweet
Magnotta Winery	4	Framboise	Fortified
Meadow Lane Winery Ltd.	1	Spiced Apple	Semi-Dry
Muskoka Lakes Winery	2	Cranberry Blueberry	Semi-Dry
Puddicombe Estate Farms & Winery	3	Raspberry	Med-Sweet
	4	Iced Apple	Very Sweet
Rosignol Estate Winery Ltd.	2	Cranberry Delight	Med-Sweet
Rush Creek Wines Ltd.	2	Spiced Apple	Semi-Dry
Scotch Block Country Winery	1	Regal Black Currant	Dry-Table
Southbrook Farm & Winery	1	Framboise	Fortified

<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Entry</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Class</b>
Archibald Orchards & Estate Winery Ltd.	1	McIntosh Oak Aged	Dry-Table
	7	Hard Currant – Sparkling	Sparkling
	8	Hard Peach – Sparkling	Sparkling
	15	Spiced Winter Apple	Very Sweet
Bellamere Winery	1	Dry Cranberry 2002	Dry-Table
	2	Cranberry 2001	Semi-Dry
	5	Elderberry 2002	Semi-Dry
	6	Saveur Blanc	Dry-Table
	10	Kindred Spirit	Fortified
Birtch Farms Estate Winery	3	Raspberry	Dry-Table
	12	Elderberry	Dry-Table
Cox Creeks Cellars, Inc.	3	Elderberry (Barrel Aged)	Semi-Dry
Downey's Estate Winery	4	Cassis	Med-Sweet

Elephant Island Orchard Wines	1	Apricot Dessert Wine	Med-Sweet
	3	Pear Wine	Dry-Table
Fort Wine Company, The	6	Raspberry Portage	Fortified
Harvest Estates Wines	4	Spiced Apple	Med-Sweet
Hernder Estate Wines	1	Cranberry	Semi-Dry
	2	Cassis	Fortified
	6	Rhubarb	Med-Sweet
Magnotta Winery	1	Blueberry Blue	Semi-Dry
	2	Cranberry Hill	Very Sweet
Muskoka Lakes Winery	1	Cranberry	Semi-Dry
	4	White Cranberry Wine	Semi-Dry
Puddicombe Estate Farms & Winery	5	Cranberry	Semi-Dry
	6	Pear-a-dise	Very Sweet
Rossignol Estate Winery Ltd.	3	Blackberry Mead	Med-Sweet
Rush Creek Wines Ltd.	3	Nectarine	Semi-Dry
	5	Raspberry	Semi-Dry
Scotch Block Country Winery	6	Black Currant Cassis	Fortified
	7	Black Currant Obsession	Fortified
	8	Elderberry	Semi-Dry
Southbrook Farm & Winery	4	Blackberry	Fortified
Stony Ridge Cellars	1	Cranberry	Semi-Dry
Sunnybrook Farm Estate Winery	1	Spiced Apple	Semi-Dry
	2	Black Raspberry	Semi-Dry
	3	Iced Apricot	Very Sweet
	5	Iced Peach	Very Sweet
	6	Iced Pear	Very Sweet
	7	Iced Cherry	Very Sweet
	9	Apricot	Semi-Dry