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**AWARD WINNING WINES OF THE  
2008 NEW MEXICO WINE FESTIVAL AT BERNALILLO COMPETITION**

**Bernalillo, NM – August 19, 2008** – The Town of Bernalillo held its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual wine competition of the New Mexico Wine Festival at Bernalillo at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort on August 16, 2008. The competition was open to participating festival wineries using New Mexico produce in the making of their wine. Wineries will have the wine available for purchase at the festival. The wines were tasted in a blind format and evaluated on the following criteria: color/clarity, bouquet/aroma, balance/body, flavors/taste, length/finish and overall impression.

Awarding winning wines received a judging consensus to be eligible for honors. The judges' panel was well rounded and represented wine buyers from New Mexico premium restaurants and boutiques, wine growers, wine enthusiasts and connoisseurs. Mayor Patricia A. Chávez will formally present top scoring wines at the festival in Bernalillo on Sunday, September 1, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

“As one of the founding members of the New Mexico Wine Festival at Bernalillo, it is a pleasure to continue the competition this year and see it expand in the number of wineries participating”, states Mayor Patricia A. Chávez. “The Town of Bernalillo wants to recognize wineries and winemakers for a long history of winemaking in New Mexico and of New Mexico fruits. I am impressed with the professional evaluation and execution of the wine competition, and pleased with the support of the wineries. This annual competition showcases the talents of New Mexico wineries, winemakers, and grape growers.”

The wine competition awards, beginning with the top **BEST OF FESTIVAL MEDAL**, which is granted to one wine with the overall total score without regard to varietals or category. The coveted honor goes to:

– **St. Clair Zinfandel 2006**

The **JUDGES' FAVORITE** medal - goes to the wine scoring second in total points:

- **Matheson Rio Cuveé 2005**

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Next are the **BEST OF CLASS** medals for the excellent and outstanding wine in the following categories: Sparkling, White, Blush, Red and Other wines. Rounding off the competition are the select **GOLD AND SILVER MEDALS** representing all categories and varietals.

The award winning wines are:

*Best of Class – Sparkling Wine – SAN FELIPE MOSCATO 2007*

*Best of Class – White Wine – TULAROSA VINEYARDS, GEWURZTRAMINER NV*

*Best of Class – Blush Wine – ST. CLAIR WHITE SHIRAZ NV*

*Best of Class – Red Wine – D.H. LESCOMBES, SYRAH 2007*

*Best of Class – Other Wines – ARENA BLANCA CHOCOLATE DIABLO 2005*

**GOLD MEDAL WINNERS:**

- D.H. Lescombes Imperial Kir NV
- Black Mesa Black Beauty NV
- Matheson Docé NV
- Santa Fe Vineyards Zinfandel Port 2005
- Tularosa Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2005
- Tularosa Vineyards Symphony NV

**SILVER MEDAL WINNERS:**

- Arena Blanca La Luz Red NV
- Blue Teal Dolcetto 2007
- D.H. Lescombes Cabernet Sauvignon 2005
- Guadalupe Vineyards Gewürztraminer 2007
- Matheson Tres 2006
- St. Clair Reserve Merlot 2006

The 2008 New Mexico Wine Festival at Bernalillo will be held on Labor Day weekend, August 30–31 and September 1 at Loretto Park in Bernalillo. Go to <http://www.townofbernalillo.org/> for festival details and tickets.