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The 2009 New Mexico Wine Festival at Bernalillo ***The 2009 New Mexico Wine Festival Competition Winners***

Town of Bernalillo, NM (September 3, 2009) The 22nd annual New Mexico Wine Festival at Bernalillo is this coming Labor Day weekend, September 5-7th, 2009, from 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm daily.

Over the last twenty years, the New Mexico Wine Festival at Bernalillo has become the largest and best attended wine event in the state. This festival attracts the best wineries in New Mexico but one also has to consider other factors for its success; the venue, the 12 top-notch bands, the artisans, the food and the kid's entertainment area. The two final and unquestionable factors are the event host and the experience of its highly regarded organizers. This year's art piece, selected and featured in the official festival poster, is a watercolor by the highly regarded local artist **Johnny Mullins**.

Mayor Patricia A. Chávez commented; "Wine making is a tradition in Bernalillo going back to the 1800s and it is fitting and proper that Bernalillo hosts the state's premier wine festival. Our festival is filled with something for everyone: a showcase of the best New Mexico wineries, award winning artisans, and top musicians. Food vendors, face painting, and a kid's zone by 'A Ton of Fun' make it a fun-filled event for kids." Noted as a "Top 100 Event in North America" by American Bus Association, the festival is hosted by the Town of Bernalillo as an economic and tourism development project.

We highly recommend purchasing your tickets online through the Town of Bernalillo web site www.townofbernalillo.org to avoid the lines. The Rail Runner has two stations in Bernalillo; the US 550 station is within walking distance to the festival, but organizers also offer a free shuttle service. Check www.nmtrainrunner.com for arrival and departure schedules.

Adult admission is \$10 (includes commemorative glass); youth admission (13-20 years) is \$5; and children (12 and under) get in FREE! Anyone under the age of 21 must be accompanied by a legal adult guardian.

The entertainment begins on Saturday the 5th from 12 Noon to 6 PM with:

- ✦ ***Atomic Cat***
- ✦ ***The Ben Martinez Project***
- ✦ ***Ballet Enfuego***
- ✦ ***Ciudad de la Salsa***
- ✦ ***and Soul Devine***

Sunday the 6th from 12 Noon to 6 PM will feature:

- ✦ ***Tijerina***
- ✦ ***Juntos Unidos***
- ✦ ***Ballet Enfuego***
- ✦ ***Café Mocca***
- ✦ ***and Fat City.***

Monday the 7th also from 12 Noon to 6PM will feature:

- ✦ ***Cathryn McGill***
- ✦ ***Chicano Groove***
- ✦ ***Ballet Enfuego***
- ✦ ***Le Chat Lunatique***
- ✦ ***Red Wine.***

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2009 New Mexico Wine Festival Wine Competition Winners

Prior to the festival, Bernalillo hosted its 4th Annual New Mexico Wine Festival Wine Competition at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort.

From a remarkable list of top New Mexico wineries, the **BEST OF FESTIVAL MEDAL** honors went to ***TULAROSA SYMPHONY NV***. This medal is granted to the one wine with the highest overall score without regard to varietals or category.

The **JUDGES' FAVORITE MEDAL** went to ***D.H. LESCOMBES LIMITED RELEASE PETIT VERDOT 2007***

The **BEST OF CLASS** award winning wines for outstanding Sparkling, White, Blush, Red and Other Wines went to:

Best of Class Red–Matheson Cabernet Sauvignon 2007
Best of Class Blush–Blue Teal White Merlot NV
Best of Class Sparkling–D.H. Lescombes Brut NV
Best of Class White–Guadalupe Vineyards Gewürztraminer 2008
Best of Class Other–D.H. Lescombes Ratafia NV

Rounding off the competition are the select **GOLD and SILVER MEDALS** representing all categories and varietals.

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS:

Arena Blanca Shiraz 2008
St. Clair Gewürztraminer NV
Blue Teal Pinot Noir 2007
St. Clair Red Label Reserve Cabernet NV
Tularosa Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2007
St. Clair Riesling NV

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS:

Arena Blanca Pistachio Delight NV
Tularosa Vineyard Gewürztraminer NV
D.H. Lescombes Limited Release Cabernet Franc 2007
Black Mesa Winery Black Beauty NV
Matheson Chardonnay 2007
D.H. Lescombes Syrah 2008

To purchase advanced tickets, festival art posters and other festival memorabilia, go through:

www.townofbernalillo.org .

For all other questions regarding the wine festival or wine competition, call us at (505) 771-7114.