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Dr. Frank's Riesling Earns Platinum Medal at San Diego International Wine Competition

Hammondsport, New York – March 31, 2010 – The Dr. Konstantin Frank 2008 Semi Dry Riesling earned a Platinum award at the San Diego International Wine Competition. Over 500 wineries entered the international competition and the Dr. Frank Semi Dry Riesling was the only wine to win a Platinum medal in its category of Riesling Medium Dry. Of the 1,894 wines that entered the competition there were less than 75 Platinum winners.

Platinum medals were awarded to those wines that were nominated for a “Best of Show” category. All judges tasted the wine “blind,” meaning that they were not allowed to know the producer of the wine, eliminating any bias that may otherwise occur.

This is not the first win for the vintage; it has also earned six gold medals and one best of class award:

*Long Beach Grand Cru Competition: Chairman's Best of Class/Gold
5th Atlantic Seaboard Wine Competition: Gold
Indy International Wine Competition: Gold
Denver International Wine Competition: Gold
Jefferson Cup: Great/Gold
Florida State Fair International: Gold*

The 2008 Dr. Frank Semi Dry Riesling has a light golden hue and a nose of floral and pear. The mouthfeel is full of vibrancy with flavors of citrus and peach that are topped off with a crisp fruit finish. The winery recommends serving the wine with light spicy foods or dessert.

Winery owner and president, Frederick Frank, is proud of the achievements, noting how well Finger Lakes Rieslings perform at these competitions, “Every year wine drinkers and sommeliers become more interested and impressed with Riesling from the Finger Lakes. My father and grandfather would be proud to see the recognition that the winery and the region have received.”

Located on Keuka Lake a few miles north of Hammondsport, Dr. Frank's has long been associated with the New York wine revolution. Its founder, Dr. Konstantin Frank, helped pioneer the introduction of the European vitis vinifera grapevines in the eastern United States. For his contributions in the American wine industry he was inducted into the Wine Spectator's “Hall of Fame”. Now in its third generation, Dr. Frank's continues as New York's most award-winning winery since 1962.

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