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**MULTIPLE RED WINES AND A SCOTCH WHISKY WIN BIG AT THE LOS ANGELES
INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS COMPETITION**
Sports Stars' and Music Celebrities' Wines Also Garner Awards

On June 19, the Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition announced the winners of the 2009 competition. Multiple reds and a whisky triumphed at the prestigious competition, proving that judges' palates can be very diverse. The Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition, in its 70th year, is one of the Top 5 wine competitions in the country.

An international panel of judges huddled for three days in May to crown the wine winners from more than 3,400 diverse entries. An equally qualified team of judges critiqued 199 spirits in early June. In a change from previous years, judges awarded best of show red and white wines by price point. After much deliberation, the best of show reds were awarded to:

- \$14.99 and under
Tamari, Malbec, Reserva, Mendoza Argentina, 2007
- \$14.99 and under
Target Wine Cube, Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah Blend, California, 2007
- \$15 - \$29.99
Cantina Redi, Briareo Riserva, Vino Nobile Di Montepulciano DOC, 2006
- \$30 and up
Armida Winery, Syrah, Flora Ranch, Chalk Hill, 2006
- \$30 and up
David Bruce Winery, Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, 2006

Best of show white wines went to:

- \$14.99 and under
South Coast Winery, Muscat Canelli, Temecula Valley, 2008
- \$15 - \$29.99
St. Hallett, Riesling, Eden Valley, Australia, 2008

Meanwhile, the Glenmorangie Company, Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban, Whiskey/Whisky Single Malt Scotch 11 - 20 years old, received the best of show distinction in the spirits category.

In the Wine World of Sports and Music Uncorked categories, baseball met metal rock. Los Angeles Dodgers baseball legend Tommy Lasorda's wine, Pinot Grigio delle Venezie IGT, 2008, took the top honor in Wine World of Sports, a category that pits celebrity sport dignitaries' against each other. Metal rock singer Maynard James Keenan, lead singer of Tool, and his Caduceus Cellars took best of show in the inaugural Music Uncorked category for Red Blends with Shinola, Merkin Vineyards, California, 2007 – the best wine the music world has to offer.

A complete list of all the winners from the Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition categories and the Los Angeles International Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition are available at www.lawinecomp.com and www.laoliveoilcomp.com.