



Cougar Crest Winery Earns Gold Grand Award of Excellence 2008 Seattle Wine Awards

Walla Walla WA: Cougar Crest Winery's 2005 release of Walla Walla Valley Estate Grown Merlot was just awarded the Gold Grand Award of Excellence, First Place Overall at the 2008 Seattle Wine Awards. A panel of 15 prominent wine professionals evaluated 613 Washington wines. Cougar Crest will be one of the wineries chosen to attend the Inaugural Washington wine showcase on June 22, 2008 at the Historic Rainier Club.

The 2008 Seattle Wine Awards are Washington state's largest single appellation wine recognition program whose goal is to determine by professional consensus, which Washington Wineries are producing the most outstanding wines in a given price and varietal category.

Cougar Crest Winery was established in 2001 by Deborah and David Hansen. The winery has grown to produce approximately 12,000 cases annually in their new 13,000 square foot facility.

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