Cuvée dominated by Brock graduates



Back (L to R): Chris Inns (Class of '08), Jamie Evans (Class of '04), Lawrence Buhler (Class of '03), Rob Power (Class of '00). Front (L to R): Emma Garner (Class of '04), Natalie Reynolds (Class of '01), Lydia Tomek (Class of '04).

Graduates of Brock's Oenology and Viticuture program raked in the hardware at the Cuvée Wine Awards, held recently at the Niagara Fallsview Casino. Rob Power, Natalie Reynolds, Lawrence Buhler, Jamie Evans, Emma Garner, and Lydia Tomek, all graduates of Oenology and Viticulture at Brock, and Chis Inns, currently an undergrad in the program, collectively won nine awards—out of a total of 20—at the event for wines they made.

Power was honoured with awards for four of his wines made under the Creekside Estate Winery and Mike Weir Estate Winery labels.

Cuvée Wine Awards is the only wine competition in Canada in which winners are chosen by winemakers. This year, 44 winemakers tasted over 180 wines from 55 wineries upholding strict criteria to pick the winners.

Brock graduates won awards for their wines in the following categories (graduates' names in paratheses):

Best red wine

Thirty Bench Wine Makers Benchmark Red 2005 (Natalie Reynolds and Emma Garner)

Best limited edition red wine

Creekside Estate Winery Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 (Rob Power)

Best sparkling wine

Peller Estates Winery Signature Series Ice Cuvée Rose NV (Lawrence Buhler)

Best Meritage

Creekside Estate Winery Reserve Meritage 2004 (Rob Power)

Best Merlot

Hernder Estates Winery Merlot 2004 (Lydia Tomek)

Best Syrah/Shiraz

Creekside Estate Winery Broken Press Shiraz 2005 (Rob Power)

Best red assemblage

Mike Weir Estate Winery Cabernet Shiraz 2005 (Rob Power)

Best Riesling

Thirty BenchWine Makers Small Lot Riesling "Triangle Vineyard" 2006 (Natalie Reynolds and Emma Garner)

Cuvée Gold Award

Stonechurch Vineyards Riesling Dry 2006 (Jamie Evans and Chris Inns, Oenology and Viticulture student)

The Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute at Brock congratulates the alumni winemakers for their achievements at such an important event for the Ontario wine industry.