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Fiore Winery Double-Gold Winner of 2008 International Tasters Guild

Fiore Winery located in northern Harford County has earned international recognition, once again. The 13 acre winery in Pylesville recently competed against more than 2,000 wines from 15 countries and 35 states/provinces at 21st annual Tasters Guild International Competition which was conducted at the Secchia Institute for Culinary Education at the Grand Rapids Community College in Grand Rapids Michigan on April 30th-May 3rd. Thirty-six judges unanimously choose Fiore's Malvasia Bianca Gelata for the Double Gold Medal distinction. The judging panels were comprised of a mix of retailers, winemakers, wine writers, restaurateurs and experienced consumers.

Also picking up honors for Fiore at the competition were eight other wines. The Peach Floret, 2005 Proprietor's Reserve Chambourcin, 2004 Maryland Merlot, 2005 Vidal Blanc and Scarlett were awarded Silver medals. Bronze medals were brought home by the Blush of Bel Air, L'Ombra and 2007 Pinot Grigio.

Winemaker Mike Fiore commented, "Growing up on a vineyard in Italy after WWII the Malvasia grapes were the closest thing to sweets we could get, the pleasure I get making and enjoying this wine is tied to those childhood memories."

The Malvasia Bianca Gelata is a dessert wine that goes through a unique process; the grapes are harvested at 27 brix of sugar. After crushing and pressing the juice is frozen and the ice is removed, raising the juice up to 40 brix. The wine is then bottled with approx. 18% residual sugar.

Fiore Winery, the third largest winery in the State of Maryland, has been in operation for 22 years and produces more than 125,000 bottles of wine each year. Fiore's twenty wines can be purchased at 400 stores throughout the State of Maryland, and at the vineyard which is open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm, and Sunday from noon to 5pm. The Winery hosts a number of events each year including Music in the Vineyard, and the Wine and Jazz Festival in August. For more information about Fiore Winery please visit www.fiorewinery.com.

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