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For immediate Release:

Re: Chateau faire Le Pont Winery wins best red and more...

This is a big week for North Central Washington's wine industry, which is finally getting well-deserved recognition for producing excellent wines. Foothills Magazine hosted the second annual North Central Washington Wine Awards at Kuykendall Hall at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wenatchee. The event was co-sponsored with the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center and Wine Press Northwest. Last year, Chateau Faire Le Pont Winery garnered **five gold medals** in a double blind tasting of over 200 wines.

The stars shone brightly this year for Chateau Faire Le Pont Winery. Their winnings included, **Best Red Wine and Gold**

Chateau Faire Le Pont is a state-of-the-art winery located in the beautiful Wenatchee Valley. We are situated right off Confluence State Park where 11 miles of trail runs on the western and eastern shores of the Columbia River. Bursting with 300 days of sunshine a year, majestic mountains and beautiful rivers and lakes, Wenatchee Valley is a recreational paradise.

Our beautifully renovated 1920's brick warehouse was formerly used for staging fruit to be loaded onto trains. We have created an elegant, multi-use space while maintaining the strength and character consistent with an old brick warehouse. Expansive windows frame a panorama of mountain views. Our large outdoor decks and Gazebo are perfect for those beautiful summer days. Our vineyard lines the entrance to the winery. It is an educational vineyard showcasing different varieties of grapes. We feature an "adopt-a-vine" program, which includes a hands-on approach to wine making that ranges from learning how to prune the vines to harvesting and crushing the grapes, to producing and bottling wine. We operate as a full tasting room winery with all popular varietals represented. Our facility is multi-functional to accommodate numerous events including: weddings, winemaker dinners, business meetings, guest-chef dinners, etc.

It is the mission of Chateau Faire Le Pont Winery to make "World Class Quality Wine" for the ultimate enjoyment of its customers. Steps are always taken directed at improving the quality of wine for the consumer. Decisions made relating to "quality" versus quantity are always made on the side of "quality". The enjoyment the consumer experiences as he or she tastes and drinks the wine with food, are always in the forefront of every wine making decision.

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Medal for 2008 **Cabernet Franc**; **Gold medal** for 2008 Reserve Milbrandt Vineyard Syrah; Silver medals for 2008 Malbec, 2008 Mourvedre, 2009 Pinot Noir, 2008 Tre Amore, 2008 Syrah; Bronze medal : 2008 Provence and 2009 Commander's Reserve Port. They were also the recipients of the **Platinum Winemaker's Circle** for the most gold medals last year. Congratulations to winemaker Doug Brazil!