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**2007 N.C. State Fair awards 165 medals  
in commercial winery division**

RALEIGH—The 8th Annual N.C. State Fair Wine Competition, held Oct. 3-4 in Raleigh, had 249 wines submitted by 32 N.C. wineries. **McRitchie Winery took home the N.C. Winegrowers Cup and Best of Show honors with their 2006 Chardonnay.** Duplin Winery's Magnolia took the N.C. Muscadine Cup for best muscadine wine for the third year in a row.

Three panels of professional judges evaluated wines submitted by 32 North Carolina wineries. Ten double gold, 12 gold, 52 silver, 78 bronze medals and 13 honorable mentions were presented. Double gold medals are awarded for unanimous decisions from the judges. Competitions were open only to N.C. winemakers, and commercial entries had to be submitted by bonded N.C. wineries. The state is home to 65 commercial wineries and several more are expected to open within the next year.

In addition to the commercial wine competition, 52 amateur wines were also judged. These home-grown wines were entered by N.C. hobbyist winemakers. Ribbons were presented to first, second and third place winners for each class of wine.

Best of Show in the amateur competition was awarded to Scott Pearson of Durham for the second year in a row. For a complete list of amateur winners, visit [www.ncwine.org](http://www.ncwine.org). Following are commercial medal winners:

<b>Highest Honors:</b>	<b>Best in Show:</b>	<b>McRitchie Winery</b>	<b>Chardonnay 2006</b>
	Best of Muscadine:	Duplin Winery	Magnolia
	Best Red Vinifera:	Childress Winery	Signature Cabernet Sauvignon
	<b>Best White Vinifera:</b>	<b>McRitchie Winery</b>	<b>Chardonnay 2006</b>
	Best Fruit Wine:	Grove Winery	Strawberry
	Best Fortified Wine:	Childress Winery	Starbound

<b>Double Gold:</b>	Biltmore Estate Winery	Biltmore Estate Ch. Res. Cabernet Sauvignon
	Childress Winery	Cabernet Franc 2005
	Childress Winery	Cabernet Sauvignon 2004
	RayLen Vineyards & Winery	Category 5
	Shelton Vineyards	2005 Estate Chardonnay
	Childress Winery	Signature Cabernet Sauvignon
	Childress Winery	Starbound
	Grove Winery	Strawberry
	<b>McRitchie Winery</b>	<b>Chardonnay</b>
	Duplin Winery	Magnolia

**Gold:**

Benjamin Vineyards & Winery	Scuppernong
Biltmore Estate Winery	Biltmore Estate Ch. Res. Cabernet Franc
Chatham Hill Winery	2005 Chardonnay
Childress Winery	Barrel Select Chardonnay 2005
Childress Winery	Cabernet Franc 04
Childress Winery	Cabernet Sauvignon 2005
Dennis Vineyards	2005 Noble Sweet
Hinnant Family Vineyards	Southern White
Shelton Vineyards	2006 Yadkin Valley Riesling
Shelton Vineyards	American Riesling
Stony Knoll Vineyards	SKV Plantation
Surry Cellars	Chardonel 2006

**Silver:**

Allison Oaks	Orchard White
Benjamin Vineyards & Winery	Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve
Biltmore Estate Winery	Biltmore Estate Cardinal's Crest
Biltmore Estate Winery	Biltmore Estate Century Red
Biltmore Estate Winery	Biltmore Estate Ch. Res. Chardonnay NC 2005
Biltmore Estate Winery	Biltmore Estate Pas de Deux
Biltmore Estate Winery	Biltmore Estate Sangiovese
Black Wolf Vineyards	Chambourcin 2006
Black Wolf Vineyards	Seyval Blanc 2006
Cellar 4201	Chardonnay
Chatham Hill Winery	2005 Merlot
Childress Winery	Cellar Select Sauvignon Blanc 2006
Childress Winery	Classic White
Childress Winery	Merlot 04
Childress Winery	Polar
Childress Winery	Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2005
Childress Winery	Reserve Merlot 2005
Childress Winery	Reserve Syrah 2005
Childress Winery	Select Berry Late Harvest Viognier
Childress Winery	Signature Meritage
Childress Winery	Syrah 2004
Cypress Bend Vineyards	Catherine
Cypress Bend Vineyards	Daniel
Cypress Bend Vineyards	Holly Berry Red
Cypress Bend Vineyards	Roseneath
Dennis Vineyards	2005 Noble Semi-Dry
Dennis Vineyards	Carlos In The Buff
Dennis Vineyards	Blueberry
Duplin Winery	Scuppernong/Blush
Flint Hill Vineyards	Chambourcin
Grove Winery	2006 Traminette
Hinnant Family Vineyards	Carolina Wildflower
Hinnant Family Vineyards	Norton
Hinnant Family Vineyards	Scuppernong
Iron Gate Vineyards & Winery	"Flue Fire"
Laurel Gray Vineyards	Barrel Fermented Chardonnay

**Silver,  
Cont'd:**

RayLen Vineyards & Winery	Cabernet Sauvignon
RayLen Vineyards & Winery	Carolinus
RayLen Vineyards & Winery	Merlot
RayLen Vineyards & Winery	South Mountain Chardonnay
Round Peak Vineyards	Chardonnay 2005
Round Peak Vineyards	Merlot 2005
Shelton Vineyards	2005 Family Reserve Chardonnay
Shelton Vineyards	2006 Bin 17 Chardonnay
Shelton Vineyards	Madison Lee Red
Shelton Vineyards	Madison Lee White
Shelton Vineyards	Salem Fork Blush
Stony Knoll Vineyards	2006 Ardella Blanc
Stony Knoll Vineyards	SKV Plantation Red
Surry Cellars	Chardonnay 2006
Westbend Vineyards	Chardonnay 2005 Barrel Fermented
Zimmerman Vineyards	Estelle 2006 Sweet White Wine
Zimmerman Vineyards	Junius Lindsay 2006 Viognier

**Bronze:**

Allison Oaks	Proprietor's Blend
Banner Elk Winery	Banner Elk White
Banner Elk Winery	Cabernet Sauvignon
Banner Elk Winery	High Country Rose
Banner Elk Winery	Seyval Blanc
Benjamin Vineyards & Winery	Hunt
Benny Parsons Rendezvous Ridge	Merlot
Biltmore Estate Winery	Biltmore Estate L.R. Merlot
Biltmore Estate Winery	Biltmore Estate Pinot Noir
Cellar 4201	Sangiovese
Chatham Hill Winery	2003 Cabernet Sauvignon
Childress Winery	Barrel Select Chardonnay 2006
Childress Winery	Cellar Select Pinot Gris 2006
Childress Winery	Cellar Select Riesling 2006
Childress Winery	Classic Blush
Childress Winery	Classic Red
Childress Winery	Merlot 05
Childress Winery	Reserve Cabernet Franc 2005
Childress Winery	Reserve Chardonnay 2005
Childress Winery	Rose of Cabernet Franc 2006
Childress Winery	Scupperdine White
Creek Side Winery	Cabernet Sauvignon
Creek Side Winery	Sunset
Dennis Vineyards	2005 Carlos Semi-Dry
Dennis Vineyards	2006 Carlos Sweet
Duplin Winery	Beaufort Bay
Duplin Winery	Carolina Red
Duplin Winery	Hatteras Red
Duplin Winery	Pink Magnolia
Grove Winery	2005 Sangiovese
Grove Winery	2006 Cabernet Sauvignon
Grove Winery	Rosso Dolce

**Bronze,  
cont'd:**

Hanover Park Vineyard	Michael's Blend
Hinnant Family Vineyards	Carlos
Hinnant Family Vineyards	Muscadine Blush
Hinnant Family Vineyards	Southern Red
Hinnant Family Vineyards	Strawberry
Hinnant Family Vineyards	Tar Heel Red
Iron Gate Vineyards & Winery	Chardonnay
Laurel Gray Vineyards	Cabernet Sauvignon
Laurel Gray Vineyards	Scarlet Mountain
Laurel Gray Vineyards	Sultry
Laurel Gray Vineyards	Viognier
McRitchie Winery	Estate Bottled Chardonnay
McRitchie Winery	North Carolina Hard Cider
McRitchie Winery	Ring of Fire Red
Old Stone Vineyard & Winery	Blackberry
Old Stone Vineyard & Winery	Chardonnay Barrel Fermented
Old Stone Vineyard & Winery	Peach
Old Stone Vineyard & Winery	Riesling
Old Stone Vineyard & Winery	Sweet Muscadine
Old Stone Vineyard & Winery	White Muscadine Semi-dry
Old Stone Vineyard & Winery	Wild Horse
RayLen Vineyards & Winery	Eagle's Select
RayLen Vineyards & Winery	Shiraz
Rock of Ages Winery	Chardonnay Oak
Rock of Ages Winery	Chardonnay Stainless
Rock of Ages Winery	Semi-Sweet Muscadine
Round Peak Vineyards	Fiddler's Red 2005
Round Peak Vineyards	Nebbiolo 2005
Shelton Vineyards	2004 Yadkin Valley Port
Shelton Vineyards	2005 Estate Cabernet Franc
Shelton Vineyards	2005 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
Shelton Vineyards	2005 Estate Merlot
Shelton Vineyards	Salem Fork Snow Hill White
South Creek Vineyards & Winery	Cabernet Franc 2005
South Creek Vineyards & Winery	Cabernet Franc Reserve 2005
South Creek Vineyards & Winery	Maestro 2005
Stonefield Cellars Winery	Chardonnay 2005
Stonefield Cellars Winery	Symphony 2006
Stonefield Cellars Winery	Synchronicity 2005
Stony Knoll Vineyards	2004 Barrel Fermented Chardonnay
Stony Knoll Vineyards	2005 William Cornelius Chambourcin
Stony Knoll Vineyards	William Cornelius Viognier 2006
Surry Cellars	Traminette 2006
Westbend Vineyards	Jack's Legacy Port 2005
Westbend Vineyards	Vintner's Signature 200
Westbend Vineyards	Yadkin Fume 2006