

Silver for Burnt Ship Bay at Decanter Asia Wine Awards

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Niagara VQA icewine ranked one of the best

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ont. — There is a silver medal adorning the neck of the 2013 Vidal Icewine from Niagara's Burnt Ship Bay Winery from the prestigious Decanter Asia Wine Awards.

The Niagara VQA product is one of only two Canadian icewines to win a silver medal, chosen in a blind taste test by more than 40 of the top wine experts in Asia as the top in its category. Gold in the category went to the 2011 Vidal Icewine from Pondview Estate Winery. Pondview is also the producer of Burnt Ship Bay wines.

"We are thrilled with our 2013 Vidal Icewine and the recognition it has garnered on the international stage," says Marcel Morgenstern, a Sommelier who is a partner and owner of Burnt Ship Bay Winery. "It's a complex and delicious wine that delights the palate and makes a wonderful aperitif."

The Decanter Asia Wine Awards recognize quality wines and provide consumers across Asia with a trusted source of recommendations. Co-chaired by Jeannie Cho Lee MW, the first Asian Master of Wine and a Contributing Editor to Decanter, and Steven Spurrier, Chairman of the Decanter World Wine Awards and Decanter's Consultant Editor, judging took place in Hong Kong on 15 -18 September. Winners were selected by a professional judging panel that rigorously blind taste wines organized in flights to ensure the very best tasting conditions.

"The sole purpose of the DAWA is to recognise and award quality," says Spurrier, DAWA Co-Chair. "Our standards are high, and so are our expectations. We only award medals to wines in which consumers can have theutmost confidence."

The judges found the Burnt Ship Bay Icewine to have a "restrained and slightly savoury nose with beeswax, honey, floral notes and some sandalwood. Super sweet and densely weighted palate of dried apricot and golden apple with a rich texture and bright acidity, impressively long finish."

The DAWA 2014 results can be found on DecanterChina.com, Decanter's bilingual Simplified Chinese and English website containing bespoke content for the growing audience of wine lovers in China.

The next test for Burnt Ship Bay's 2013 Vidal Icewine will be the Hong Kong Wine and Spirits Fair in early November.

"To come home with a gold and a silver from our wineries at the Decanter Asia Wine Awards is an amazing accomplishment," says Morgenstern. "It is reflective of the care and passion that goes into every bottle of wine that is crafted by Burnt Ship Bay and Pondview and our incredibly talented winemaker Fred Di Profio."

