

Painted Rock Estate Winery awarded 'Best New Winery' at 2009 Okanagan Fall Wine Festival

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – October 13, 2009 (Penticton, BC) – Painted Rock Estate Winery is proud to announce that it has been named Best New Winery at this year's Okanagan Fall Wine Festival which took place October 1-10th.

Receipt of this prestigious inaugural award is all the more special to Proprietor, John Skinner as it clearly illuminates the passion, perseverance and dedication he and his family have sought to realize in their collective quest to produce ultra premium Okanagan wines.

Established in 2004 and aptly named for the unique pictographs bordering the stunning 60 acre property, Painted Rock Estate Winery is located within some of the most sought-after and agriculturally rich land in the Okanagan. A unique microclimate within the vineyard area, coupled with the meticulous attention of an entire vineyard team has enabled the successful production of a collection of award-winning 2007 vintage Bordeaux varietal wines.

Painted Rock Estate Winery has been quietly building momentum, garnering positive attention from some of Canada's most notable wine critics upon the release of its first 2007 vintage. Wines have received reputable scores from Anthony Gismondi, and early praise from one of Canada's most prolific wine writers & Wineries of British Columbia author, John Schreiner who had this to say:

"I haven't seen a winery achieve cult status this quickly since Black Hills & Burrowing Owl. The word is getting out fast."

At the 2009 Okanagan Fall Wine Festival, Painted Rock Estate Winery received three awards for wines entered into competition and is excited introduce the rest of British Columbian wine-lovers to what winemaker, Gavin Miller hopes will become 'the most exceptional wines ever painstakingly produced in the Okanagan.'

Through the rigorous employment of state of the art wine-making practices and production techniques, as well as an exceptionally educated team of professionals who share John Skinners vision of what this vineyard can and will become, Painted Rock Estate will continue to be one winery to watch.

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