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2010 Harvest Year still proves to be a good year! Yet again, the awards keep coming....despite the cool weather!

The medals keep rolling in for Rocky Creek Winery in Cowichan Bay. With the results from the latest competitions, Rocky Creek Winery has won a total of four silver medals at the Northwest Wine Summit in Oregon and the All Canadian Wine Championships in Ontario. The medals were for the Ortega 2010, Pinot Gris 2010, just released Pinot Noir 2009 and Wild Blackberry 2010..soon to be released. The most awards won for a winery that is only 100% Vancouver Island grapes.

Our passion is to be true to the region and sustainable. We even sacrificed production in the vineyard to develop the lands to have more air flow amongst the vines. We consistently win many awards every year, despite challenges such as 2008 and again the harvest for 2010.

“We always consider each harvest year and prepare as soon as the grapes arrive from the vineyard to make the best wines each year from our region.” We also plan to do a private release soon of the first ever 100% Vancouver Island grown Tempranillo grape. “This may not harvest every year, but again, stick to what we can do here that has potential to shine.” This year Rocky Creek has planted a few rows of the Albarino grape varietal to see how that fares here.

The Northwest Wine Summit is the biggest wine competition specifically focused on wines from the Pacific Northwest and includes entries from Oregon, Washington State, Montana, Idaho, British Columbia, Alberta and Alaska. “They have many entries of Pinot Noir from arguably the best region in North America, and we are very happy to receive silver for our Pinot Noir 2009.” states Mark Holford, Winemaker.

“Winning awards for all our wines, even with cooler summers the past few years is a great accomplishment. It’s not as difficult making great wines in great growing years, but producing great wines in mediocre years is much, much harder. It’s also not just us winning awards to showcase the region but other wineries on the island here also show very well at these competitions. The Wine Islands is the place to taste great wines and you don’t have to go very far.” Even a new book is out featuring us as a region “Island Wineries of British Columbia” from the contributors of Eat Magazine.

These award winning wines are available direct from the winery or can be found in many private wine and beer stores across Vancouver Island and in the lower mainland. See our website for a directory of stores selling our products. Rocky Creek Winery is a family owned and operated winery located in Cowichan Bay on Vancouver Island. Since their first vintage in 2005, they have won 29 medals, including 5 gold medals. They produce wines only from Vancouver Island grapes and local wild blackberries. For more information, please see our website www.rockycreekwinery.ca or contact us at (250) 748-5622.

Rocky Creek Winery is open 4 days a week (Thu – Sun) from 11 am to 4 pm until they close for the fall harvest season.