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## **INNISKILLIN PROUDLY ACCEPTS TOP CANADIAN PRODUCER HONOURS AT THE INTERNATIONAL WINE AND SPIRITS COMPETITION 2012**

(November 19, 2012 – London, England) Inniskillin Niagara Estate Winery was proud to collect the prestigious Top Canadian Producer of the Year award at the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual International Wine and Spirits Competition (IWSC). Winemaker Bruce Nicholson was on hand to receive the award from IWSC President, Mauricio Gonzalez Gordon, amidst the grand setting of the historic Guildhall in London, England.



“Capturing the Top Canadian Producer at the IWSC is a very significant win as our Canadian wine industry continues to grow,” said Inniskillin winemaker Bruce Nicholson, who previously won the Canadian Producer of the Year Award four times as winemaker for Jackson-Triggs Okanagan Estate Winery. “This is truly an impactful and emotional tribute to all our collective efforts in winemaking

and viticulture; it keeps Inniskillin’s highly respected reputation and continued commitment to producing quality wines of excellence in the forefront.”

Winning this award makes Nicholson the only Canadian winemaker to win from two different Canadian viticulture regions and two different Canadian wineries.

“Inniskillin is proud to receive this prestigious award and very proud of Bruce’s accomplishments,” said Franco Timpano, Marketing Director, Inniskillin. “As Canada’s Original Estate winery, we have continued to hone our craft through a dedicated and progressive approach to winemaking. This award not only shows well for our winery, but for Canadian wines as a whole on the global stage.”

### **COMPLETE LIST OF AWARDS:**

<b>OUTSTANDING GOLD (2)</b>	2010 Sparkling Vidal Icewine and 2008 Riesling Icewine*
<b>GOLD (2)</b>	2007 Oak-Aged Vidal Icewine and 2007 Cabernet Franc Icewine
<b>OUTSTANDING SILVER (1)</b>	2008 Vidal Icewine*
<b>SILVER (5)</b>	2007 Riesling Icewine; 2010 Barrel Aged Pinot Gris, Winemaker’s Series 2009 Two Vineyards Merlot, Winemaker’s Series* 2010 Three Vineyards Chardonnay, Winemaker’s Series 2010 Montague Vineyard Chardonnay, Winemaker’s Series 2009 Three Vineyards Cabernet Franc, Winemaker’s Series*
<b>BRONZE (1)</b>	

*\*Wines still available for sale*

The collective accolades of Nicholson's 11 awards for 11 submissions led to the trophy for the Top Canadian Winery Award, with over half from the Icewine category. Nicholson was also proud to be on the shortlist for The IWSC Winemaker of the Year Trophy, which is awarded to the producer whose entries achieved the best overall results in the 2011 Competition.

## **ABOUT IWSC**

The International Wine and Spirit Competition, founded in 1969, is the premier competition of its kind in the world. Its aim is to promote the quality and excellence of the world's best wines, spirits and liqueurs. All entries of wines, spirits and liqueurs are blind tasted in groups divided by variety, region and vintage as necessary. Awards are made on a points system and sponsored trophies are presented in selected categories. The IWSC is supported by a group of Vice Presidents made up of some of the most influential men and women in the trade. This year's President is Mauricio González Gordon of Gonzalez Byass.

[www.iwsc.net](http://www.iwsc.net)

## **ABOUT INNISKILLIN WINES**

The combined efforts of the Inniskillin winemaking team and the viticulture team keep Inniskillin focused on consistently producing top quality VQA wines. Inniskillin Wines, established in 1975 by co-founders Donald Ziraldo and Karl Kaiser, is Canada's premier estate winery producing truly distinctive and elegant wines from premium grape varieties grown in Canada. In January of 2007 Winemaker Bruce Nicholson arrived at Inniskillin after Kaiser's retirement and is carrying on the tradition of excellence and innovation. Inniskillin has vineyards in the Niagara Peninsula in Ontario and the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia. Inniskillin has gained international recognition for its award winning Icewines and can be found in over 73 countries around the world. Inniskillin is proud of the role it has played and continues to be one of the rising stars in bringing recognition to Canada as part of the international success of Canadian wines. For product information, visit [www.inniskillin.com](http://www.inniskillin.com).

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