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**GALENA CELLARS EARNS TOP AWARD AT
2008 ILLINOIS STATE FAIR WINE COMPETITION**

GALENA, ILLINOIS—Galena Cellars Vineyard and Winery is proud to bring home 30 awards—including Top Award for Non-Illinois Grown Fruit for their Vintage Red and a Triple Gold for their Frontenac Port—from the 2008 Illinois State Fair Wine Competition.

Sponsored by The Illinois Grape Growers and Vintners Association, the competition was held June 2-4, 2008 at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. A total of 267 commercial entries from throughout the state were judged.

Recognized as best in their category were Galena Cellar's Frontenac Port, Vintage Red, General's Reserve White, Frizzante di Muscat Canelli, Country Rose, Merlot, Niagra, and Nouveau. Vintage Red, General's Reserve Red, General's Reserve White, and Muscat Canelli earned gold awards.

In total, the winery--at the hand of veteran winemaker Christine Lawlor-White, voted 2008 Illinois Winemaker of the Year--took in five gold, 17 silver, and eight bronze awards.

"It was a great year for our winery! We are pleased to be recognized for our fine quality and award winning wines produced in Jo Daviess County in Northwest Illinois," noted Lawlor-White.

Galena Cellars Winery and Vineyard, a Lawlor Family Winery, has been producing wine for more than 30 years, 25 of which have been focused in the Galena area. Galena Cellars is currently the second largest winery in Illinois--pressing, fermenting and aging fruit table wines. Production surpasses more than 50,000 gallons of wine annually.

Wine lovers can sample more than 40 distinctive varieties, including these award winners, at one of the three Galena Cellars charming tasting rooms: In downtown Galena--515 South Main Street; at the Galena country vineyard --4826 North Ford Road; or in suburban Geneva, Illinois--477 South Third Avenue.

For a complete listing of awards, special events, and the Galena Cellars' online store, visit www.galenacellars.com.

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