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Ferrante takes top honors at prestigious American Fine Wine Competition

Ferrante Grand River Valley Pinot Grigio named "Best of Show" White

Harpersfield Township, Ohio – (February 10, 2010) – Step aside, Napa. America's got a new favorite producer of white wines.

Ferrante's 2008 Signature Series Pinot Grigio (GRV) was awarded "Best of Show" White Wine in the American Fine Wine Competition, January 17-18, 2010 in West Palm Beach, Florida, edging out some of the best-known wineries in the U.S., such as Cosentino (Napa Valley), Rombauer and Domaine Carneros (both Los Carneros). Entry into the American Fine Wine Competition is by invitation only and strictly limited to American-made wines that meet a certain retail threshold in order to be considered "fine" wines.

The Ferrante Pinot Grigio will be featured at a gala dinner March 13 at the Lincoln Culinary Institute in West Palm Beach prepared by notable South Florida chefs, including Johnny Vinczencz, Michael Wagner and Oliver Saucy.

Winemaker Nicholas Ferrante said his award-winning Pinot Grigio is grown in the Ferrante estate vineyards in the Grand River Valley and finished at 1 percent residual sugar. Said Ferrante, "Its aromas and flavors of creamy citrus notes are balanced with fresh acidity." He credits the 2008 growing season for the wine's success. "It was just the perfect recipe for a great Pinot Grigio," he noted. "The summer was above normal in temperature but cool enough to ripen Pinot Gris at optimal fruit ripeness." Ferrante plans to attend the March 13 gala in Florida.

The '08 Signature Series Pinot Grigio is being featured in special food and wine pairings at the Ferrante's restaurant in Harpersfield Township, Ohio. The wine is on sale for \$12.99 a bottle (normally \$14.99) at the Winery and in stores throughout Ohio.

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