

Ferrante's named one of seven Sweepstake Winners at San Francisco Chronicle

Ferrante's 2012 Grand River Valley Vidal Blanc Ice Wine won a very prestigious award, **Sweepstake Winner** for the Dessert/Specialty wine category at the San Francisco Chronicle wine competition. The Sweepstake Winner title was awarded to only seven wines out of over 5,000 entries and was a unanimous vote by all 60 judges in the competition. Judges have experienced trained palates and knowledge to help them determine the fates of so many entrants. Nicholas Ferrante is extremely pleased with the results, as this competition hosts the best wines in the country.

“It is a huge honor to be recognized for winning the Sweepstake award for our Vidal Blanc Ice wine. The bitterly cold winters that Ohio is commonly known for aren't as bitter when you can produce an ice wine that is cherished & enjoyed by so many people. We are humbled to share a piece of the Grand River Valley of Northeast Ohio with the West coast. Cheers!,” Nick Ferrante.

Nick joined the other Sweepstake winners this past **Saturday February 15th** at **Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center, in San Francisco** for the public tasting. The public tasting hosted over 800 wineries & attendees had a chance to taste hundreds of wines and talk with the winemakers about their award winning wines.

Join the wineries of the **Grand River Valley** for their annual **Ice Wine Festival**. The festival is **March 1st, 5th, and 15th from noon to 5pm**. Enjoy luxurious Ice Wine and appetizers at each of the participating wineries. Ferrante's will be serving a roasted butternut squash soup with a nutmeg spice ice wine marshmallow. Meet our Ice Wine Princess from noon to 3pm each day during the festival!

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