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Mission Hill Family Estate Named “Winery of the Year” at the InterVin International Wine Awards Competition

*Mission Hill’s Portfolio of Wines Collects 20 Medals at the Annual Competition
Presented by Vines Magazine*

West Kelowna, British Columbia (October 28, 2011) - Mission Hill Family Estate has been named “Winery of the Year” at the InterVin International Wine Awards Competition, topping the list of more than 300 wineries entered in this year’s competition. Mission Hill Family Estate collected a total of 20 medals for its portfolio of fine wines spread across virtually every category in the competition.

Presented by Vines Magazine -- Canada’s preeminent wine resource guide, and the producers of the annual Gourmet Food & Wine Expo -- the InterVin International Wine Awards recognizes and celebrates the very best wines available to Canadian consumers.

The panel -- a team of judges featuring hospitality, wine journalism, wine education and winemaking professionals -- utilized an objective, blind tasting format to reach its decisions. Competing wines were grouped by varietal or wine-style, ensuring that each wine was fairly evaluated alongside its peers.

In addition to the prestigious “Winery of the Year” accolade, Mission Hill Family Estate also received several individual awards for its winemaking achievements, including: Gold Medals for the 2007 Quatrain, 2007 Compendium, 2010 Five Vineyards Rosé and 2010 Reserve Vidal Icewine. The 2009 Select Lot Collection Merlot, 2009 Reserve Merlot and 2007 Select Lot Collection Syrah earned Silver Medals, as did its 2010 Five Vineyards Pinot Blanc, which earned a further “Judges’ Choice for Best Value”. A complete listing of awards is available online at [InterVin International Wine Awards](#)

“We are honoured by this recognition for our dedication and contribution to the art of fine winemaking,” said Anthony von Mandl, Proprietor of the family-owned winery located in the heart of the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia. “I would like to thank InterVin for this prestigious accolade and acknowledge the panel of judges. This recognition is to our entire team’s credit, with special acknowledgement for Mission Hill’s winemaker John Simes. His vision, discerning approach and diligent work is without dispute.”

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About Mission Hill Family Estate

Located in the heart of British Columbia's Okanagan Valley, Mission Hill Family Estate is world renowned for its award winning wines, stunning setting and architecture, and Terrace Restaurant. Honoured as one of the Top Five Winery Restaurants globally, the restaurant and epicurean program is led by our Executive Chef Matthew Batey. Majestic mountains, scenic lakes and lush orchards encase the winery's dramatic architecture and culminate in a setting that celebrates wine, food and the arts. With sustainable practices that ensure care for the environment, and a timelessness that respects the family's European heritage, guests experience the height of winemaking in an incomparable lakeside mountaintop winery. Visit missionhillwinery.com for more information.

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