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Indianapolis to host top international wine competition

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Winemakers from around the world will send their best wines to Indiana for the Indy International Wine Competition on July 25-27, 2002. Over 2,700 wines from 11 countries were judged at Indy last year, making it the second largest international wine competition in the United States. Fifty wine judges will travel to Indianapolis from throughout the United States and Canada to taste, analyze and score the various wines. Judges include Daryl Groom, executive vice president/winemaker for Geyser Peak Winery and Dan Berger, syndicated wine columnist.

Competition categories include commercial entries and amateur entries. Amateur winemakers and commercial fruit winemakers will find the Indy International appealing since the Indy International is the largest competition in the country for both categories. Trophies for the commercial wine class include best of show, best white, best red, and a new Pacesetter Trophy for 2002, awarded to the winery winning the most medals at the competition.

The competition, sponsored by the Indiana State Fair, will be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds exposition Hall in Indianapolis. Judging will take place from 9AM – 4PM each day during the event. The competition is open to the public for viewing. To receive an entry form or additional information, please contact Ellen Harkness, competition coordinator, at (765) 494-6704 or harkness@foodsci.purdue.edu. Information is also available at www.indianawines.org under “awards.”

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