

## **Westport Winery Earns Double Gold**

### **Local News**

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - Westport Winery's Ancient Mariner's wine won a double gold medal at the 12th Annual Finger Lakes International Wine Competition held on March 25, 2012. Double gold medals are only awarded to wines that earn a unanimous gold vote from the panel of judges.

Ancient Mariner's is a Riesling pear blend and a portion of the proceeds benefits Coastal Animal Rescue and Adoption (CARA). This wine features a photograph shot by winery owner Kim Roberts while sailing about the Hawaiian Chieftain as it was delivered to Grays Harbor.

Also bringing home a bronze medal at this competition was the winery's Fleur de Lis Pinot Gris. This wine benefits Hoquiam's 7th Street Theater. This wine's label features original art by Darryl Easter of Camarillo, California, one of winery owner Blain Roberts' surfing partners. This label is a nod to the 10,000 irises grown in the winery's Vineyards By-the-Sea.

According to the event's organizers, "In 2011, a record 3,298 wines from 19 countries, 6 Canadian Provinces and all 50 United States were entered in the competition. More than 60 national and international judges representing sommeliers, educators, enologists, winemakers, writers, importers, retailers and industry consultants from the United States, Argentina, Australia, Chile, France, Germany, Israel, and Italy." These two acclaimed wines along with Westport Winery's other 31 award-winning releases are available for tasting daily. The winery is located on the corner of Highway 105 and South Arbor Road halfway between Aberdeen and Westport. The winery's Farm to Fork restaurant is open for lunch daily from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (and until 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday). Dinner is offered on Friday and Saturday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and reservations are recommended. The winery's bakery, tasting bar, and gift shop is open daily at 11 a.m. For more information call Westport Winery at 360-648-2224.