



**Deer Ridge
Vineyards**



*Winery Estate &
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**DEER RIDGE VINEYARDS OF LIVERMORE VALLEY AWARDED 4-STAR GOLD
AND BEST OF SHOW BY ORANGE COUNTY WINE SOCIETY**

LIVERMORE, CA June 24, 2009 – The Livermore Valley winery was honored with three prestigious awards last week at the 2009 Orange County Fair Commercial Wine Competition. Deer Ridge received a Gold medal for its estate grown 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, which went on to win the Best of Show for all Red Varietals in the medium price range. This winning wine was also selected for the very prestigious 4-Star Gold Award, given to only 26 of the 3,089 wines entered. The Deer Ridge estate grown 2007 Chardonnay, Private Reserve was awarded a Bronze medal.

"We are proud of this recognition of the quality of grapes grown and wines crafted in the Livermore Valley from our estate vineyards. Our vineyard was established in the year 2000 on the same site that Charles Wetmore used to produce gold medal wines for the 1889 International Wine Competition in Paris—the original 'Bottleshock' wine competition," notes Carl Lyle, Winemaker and owner of Deer Ridge Vineyards.

The Orange County Fair Commercial Wine Competition is co-sponsored and supported by the Orange County Wine Society, a non-profit educational corporation that promotes the knowledge and understanding of winemaking, viticulture and appreciation of wine. A total of 3,089 wines were entered and judged in this year's competition.

Deer Ridge Vineyard's award-winning wines are available at the winery's tasting room, located at 1828 Wetmore Road in Livermore, open Friday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Deer Ridge will also be the Featured Winery of the Day at the Race Track at the Alameda County Fair on Sunday, July 12. Their award winning wines may also be found at premier California wine shops.

Deer Ridge Vineyards Winery and Event Center opened in December, 2007. For more information on our wines and event facilities, please see our website at www.DeerRidgeVineyards.com

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