



Dennis Esslinger, the President of the Board of Directors for the Orange County Wine Society recently visited Livermore Valley's Deer Ridge Vineyards to formally present three awards won by the winery at the 2009 Orange County Fair Commercial Wine Competition. Deer Ridge's estate grown 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon received a Gold Award and Best of Show for Red Varietals in the medium price range. The wine also was selected for the 4-Star Gold Award, given to only 26 of the 3,089 wines entered. The Deer Ridge estate grown 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" said Carl Lyle, winemaker and owner of Deer Ridge Vineyards. Pictured are (left) Dennis Esslinger, president of the board of directors for the Orange County Wine Society presenting the 2009 Orange County Fair Commercial Wine Competition awards to Carl Lyle, winemaker and owner of Deer Ridge Vineyards in Livermore. They toasted with the winning wine, Deer Ridge's estate grown 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon. Wines are available at the winery's tasting room, 1828 Wetmore Road in Livermore, Friday through Sunday 11-5, and at premier California wine shops. For more information, please visit www.DeerRidgeVineyards.com