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## **Volcano Vineyards Takes GOLD Again**

**Bend, Oregon, 15 June 2007** –Volcano Vineyards, the Bend, Oregon-based micro-winery, has announced that its 2004 Merlot was awarded a Gold Medal at the 2007 Northwest Wine Summit. “Both of our top tier wines from vintage 2004 have now won gold at major competitions. We are very honored!” said Volcano Vineyards owner Scott Ratcliff. Volcano Vineyard’s 2004 Syrah received a gold medal at this year’s San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition back in January.

The NW Wine Summit focuses on exclusively wines produced in the NorthWest, specifically, wines from Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

The Merlot wasn’t the only award winner for Volcano Vineyards at the competition – their 2004 Syrah was awarded a Silver Medal. A full list of award winners is available at [www.vinochallenge.com/nwsummit](http://www.vinochallenge.com/nwsummit)

Scott was chosen to be a judge at this year’s competition, but the organizers made sure his wines were not in the flights he was tasting. “We started at 10 a.m. in the morning, tasting over 150 wines each day. It was an intense few days, and the judging panel was very meticulous and quite discriminating. From experiencing the judging side, I now appreciate that winning any medal at a competition it quite an accomplishment.”

The grapes for both award-winning Volcano Vineyards wines were grown at Aguila Vineyard in Talent, Oregon in the Rogue Valley. Volcano Vineyards produces single-vineyard designated wines and proprietary blends from the Pacific Northwest and northern California. They also produce a Rogue Valley Red Blend and a newly released Viognier, their first white wine.

The Volcano Vineyards Tasting Room is located in downtown Bend, Oregon on Brooks Street, between The Pine Tavern and Hans back patio. In addition to their Volcano Vineyards wines, Scott and Liz pour other small, artisan producers not usually available in the Central Oregon area including Medici, Mystic, Dusky Goose, Anthony Dell and Trium. The Tasting Room offers wines by the taste, flight, and glass along with bottle and case sales. The Tasting Room is kid friendly, complete with toys, book, kiddie cups (for water!) plus pint-sized tables and chairs. It is open six days a week (closed Tuesdays) from noon to close and is available for special events. Please call 541.617.1102 for more information. [www.volcanovineyards.com](http://www.volcanovineyards.com)