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Our Milton Means Business Scotch Block winery big winner in national wine competition

The Scotch Block Country Winery at Andrews Scenic Acres on No. 10 Sideroad captured seven awards at the second annual Canadian National Fruit Wines Competition.

The competition was held in early February and the winners were announced at the Toronto Wine and Cheese Show at the Trade Centre International March 23.

Scotch Block Country Winery won a gold medal for its Black Currant Cassis, a

sweet dessert wine made from black currants grown on the farm where the winery is locat-

The winery also captured three silver medals for its Regal Black Currant, Gooseberry and Elderberry dinner wines.

The winery also took home three bronze medals for its True Blue, Red Currant Cassis and Framboise dinner wines.

Scotch Block Winery, with only two years of wine production under its belt, won an unprecedented number of awards for an Ontario winery competition.

"I was a bit overwhelmed at first," said Bert Andrews, owner of Andrews Scenic Acres and Scotch Block Winery along with his wife Lauraine.

"It's quite a thrill to see the winery grow from only a vision a couple of years ago into a position where we're readily competing against wineries that have been established for more than a decade."

The National Fruit Wine Competition is a showcase of the very best of Canadian fruit wines. Twenty-eight wineries from seven provinces entered 160 fruit wines in the competition. The competition was judged by a panel of experts

from the Wine Writer's Circle Wine and the Judges Commission of Ontario.

"I really have to give the credit to our wine maker (Brian Moreau) on this one," Mr. Andrews said. "Without his knowledge and expertise we wouldn't have come so far so

Mr. Moreau said he was overjoyed with the accolades but passed the kudos on to the customers.

"I've been making wine for nearly 25 years, first as a hobby and labour of love, then I turned that into a profession. When I first started making wine for a living they were naturally wines that I liked. It's the customers that tell me what they want and those were the ones that won the awards."

HHS hosts job fair

Local nurses and health care professionals looking for a rewarding career may not have to look much further than their own backyards.

Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) will host a job fair May 12 at Milton District Hospital from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HHS, which also operates Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, is currently expanding many of its patient care programs to accommodate the rapid growth of its communities and this has opened up a host of new employment opportunities in Milton.

HHS is patient-focused and committed to excellence, said Patricia Jappy-Loker, nurse

recruiter for HHS.

"While we are targeting nursing and health care professionals (physiotherapists, pharmacists, ultrasonographers and respiratory therapists), we welcome people from all allied heath care fields to stop by and learn about our hospitals and to submit their resume."

Representatives will be available from many of the patient care areas to discuss specific career opportunities, answer questions and meet candidates.

For more information on opportunities available at HHS, visit its web site at www.haltonhealthcare.com or call (905) 338-4690.



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