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Canyon vintners recognized at Idaho Wine contest

CALDWELL — A Garden City winemaker took home the top prize at the fourth annual Idaho Wine Competition.

Leslie Preston won best in show for her Coiled Wines 2012 Dry Riesling, the Idaho Wine Commission announced. The Riesling, which sells for \$17 a bottle, received a unanimous double gold medal from the judges.

Nampa's Sawtooth Estate Winery won best rosé for its 2012 Classic Fly Series Cinsault Rosé. Bitner Vineyards, Ste. Chapelle, Huston Vineyards, Clearwater Canyon Cellars, Cold Springs Winery and Fraser Vineyard also won gold medals for their offerings.

The awards were presented at Ste. Chapelle Sept. 23. Idaho is home to more than 50 wineries with 1,200 vineyard acres planted, according to the commission.