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Arizona Wine On The Map: Arizona Stronghold Recognized With Ten 2011 Jefferson Cup Awards

--Eric Glomski puts Arizona wine on the map with award wins in 2011--

Cottonwood, Arizona – December 12, 2011 – Arizona Stronghold Vineyards has been recognized this year with more than twenty awards for the label's Tazi, Dala, Nachise and Site Archive wines, yielded from fruit grown in Arizona's high desert.

In November this year, Arizona Stronghold was awarded the great honor of receiving four Gold Medals of American Excellence in addition to five Silver Medals of Merit and one additional nomination at the Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition.

Now in its twelfth year, the esteemed wine competition was founded by Doug Frost and is the only one of its kind, which honors the best of the best amongst wineries from all of America's wine regions. Frost is one of only three individuals in the world to have achieved the titles of Master Sommelier and Master of Wine

The Arizona label also took home awards this year from the Arizona Republic Wine Competition and the Arizona State Fair.

Co-founder of Arizona Stronghold Vineyards with Maynard James Keenan of the rock band Tool and Director of Winegrowing at Arizona Stronghold and Page Springs Cellars, Eric Glomski said, "It's been quite a ride these past four years working to squeeze every bit of potential we saw from the Arizona landscape into our wines – so it feels great to be recognized for all of that work. We're all very proud of everything that we've been able to accomplish to put Arizona wine on the map. To have captured the attention of the folks at the Jefferson Cup – that's just a huge honor that we'll savor for a long time."

Glomski's solo label, Page Springs Cellars, was also recognized this year with nearly ten awards – two Jefferson Cup wins, as well as two each of the wine competition's Gold and Silver Medals, two wins at the 2011 Arizona Republic Wine Competition and three from the Arizona State Fair.

Arizona Stronghold was named the official winery of the Arizona Centennial earlier this year and announced the launch of its latest peripheral label, Stronghold Wines in 2011.

This December will also mark the second year that Glomski has been featured at the James Beard House in New York, NY.

2011 Arizona Stronghold Vineyards Awards

TAZI

2010 Gold Medal Award of American Excellence, Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition

DALA CHARDONNARY

2010 Blue Ribbon, Arizona State Fair

DALA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2009 Award of Distinction, Arizona Republic Wine Competition

2009 Judges Favorite, Arizona Republic Wine Competition

2009 Silver Medal Award of Merit, Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition

2010 Red Ribbon, Arizona State Fair

NACHISE

2010 Blue Ribbon, Arizona State Fair

2010 Award of Distinction, Arizona Republic Wine Competition

2010 Silver Medal Award of Merit, Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition

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2009 Lozen – People’s Choice Award, Whole Foods Market

2009 Lozen – Silver Medal Award of Merit, Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition

2010 Bonita Springs Vineyard Malvasia – Silver Medal Award of Merit, Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition

2010 Mourvedre – Gold Medal Award of American Excellence, Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition

2010 Norte Petite Sirah – Gold Medal Award of American Excellence, Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition

2009 Sangiovese – Gold Medal Award of American Excellence, Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition

2010 Hermitage Syrah – Nominee, Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition

2010 Mid Syrah – Silver Medal, Growers Cup Red, Arizona Republic Wine Competition

2010 Norte Co-Ferment Syrah – Bronze Medal, Growers Cup Red, Arizona Republic Wine Competition

2009 Mid Syrah – Silver Medal Award of Merit, Jefferson Cup Invitational Wine Competition

2010 Bonita Springs Chardonnay – Bronze Medal, Growers Cup White, Arizona Republic Wine Competition

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About Arizona Stronghold Vineyards

Arizona Stronghold Vineyards is a privately held partnership between musician-vintner Maynard James Keenan (Tool, Puscifer) and master vintner Eric Glomski. Keenan also has a controlling interest in Merkin Vineyards and its associated winery, Caduceus Cellars. Glomski has a controlling interest in Page Springs Cellars.

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