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**BELHURST WINERY 2008 SEMI-DRY RIESLING
WINS SILVER AT CANBERRA INTERNATIONAL RIESLING CHALLENGE**

December, 2009 (Geneva, New York) - Belhurst Winery president Mr. Duane Reeder is pleased to announce that Belhurst's 2008 Semi-Dry Riesling was awarded a Silver Medal in its class and region, at the 10th Canberra International Riesling Challenge, held in October 2009 in Canberra, Australia. The challenge drew over 550 entries, from 10 countries. Belhurst is one of only three Finger Lakes wineries to win silver in this class.

With a unique winery philosophy, the Belhurst Winery includes a committee of experts who carefully seek fruit, vineyards, wine varieties and winemakers who will contribute to the palette of wines sold by Belhurst. The committee continually collaborates with area winemakers to produce consistently high quality wines which quickly become Finger Lakes favorites. All Belhurst wines are available for tasting and purchase in the Belhurst Wine & Gift Shop on the shores of Seneca Lake, and for purchase on our website at www.Belhurst.com.

Known for its charm, unique architecture, and stunning lake views, the Belhurst properties include Belhurst Castle, originally built in 1885 – a new spa will be added in the Spring of 2010; White Springs Manor, originally built around 1900; and The Vinifera Inn which opened in 2004. The Reeder family acquired the Castle in 1992 with the dream of offering Finger Lakes visitors the unique beauty, luxury and romance of historical legend. Belhurst Winery offers truly unique wines and has won over 100 wine medals in competitions. Belhurst is on the National Register of Historic Properties, has been voted *One of the Most Romantic Places in NYS*, has won sixteen *Awards of Excellence* in the Wine Spectator Restaurant Awards Program, and continues to be one of the most beloved destinations in the Finger Lakes.

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