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## **Sky River Meads Earn 'Best in Class', Gold & Bronze at the 2011 West Coast Wine Competition.**

Sultan, WA (May 26, 2011) – Sky River Meadery, in the quiet town of Sultan WA, wins 3 impressive awards in the 2011 West Coast Wine Competition (WCWC). WCWC featured nearly 1100 entrants from the western United States; WA, OR, CA, HI, ID, NV, NM, MT, WY & CO, Baja California, New Zealand, Australia, South America & British Columbia. This is the 29<sup>th</sup> year of a competition whose mission is to award medals to outstanding wines. Robert Merletti, publisher of Vineyard & Winery Management, said “The quality of the entries was especially impressive this year, so any winery winning a medal should be truly proud”. Sky River Mead won 3 of these medals.

Denice Ingalls, owner & winemaker of Sky River Meads response was “We couldn’t be happier, it’s an honor to be included on such a prestigious list of wines.”

Judges included over 20 individuals ranging from sommeliers to restaurateurs & winemakers to wine writers representing a wide variety of preference and experience.

Sky River’s Semi-Sweet Mead was awarded a Gold medal, as well as, Best in Class. The Semi-Sweet is one of the true meads, meaning made completely from honey, created at Sky River Meads. A Bronze was also awarded to Sky River’s Raspberry Honey Wine, Sky River Meads newest offering.

Mead, wine made from honey, is an ancient beverage believed to be the oldest fermented beverage in the world. Although most often associated with the Celts & Vikings, mead (by a variety of names) has been found throughout the world & is referenced in the legend & folklore of many peoples.

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*Sky River Mead is an Award-winning; woman owned & operated Washington winery specializing in Meads & Honey wines. Sky River Meads remain true to the ancient traditions of this world beverage while creating luscious wines to delight the modern palate. Made with delectable Washington honey and the sweetest Washington fruit. [www.skyriverbrewing.com](http://www.skyriverbrewing.com)*