



## PRESS RELEASE

CHATEAU CANON LA GAFFELIERE, WINNER OF THE  
11<sup>th</sup> SAINT-EMILION GRANDS CRUS CLASSÉS CHALLENGE  
AT VINEXPO ASIA-PACIFIC IN HONG KONG - MAY 27, 2008



*Jean-François QUENIN, President of the Conseil des Vins de Saint-Emilion  
and Stephan Von NEIPPERG, owner of the  
Château Canon La Gaffelière and Clos de l'Oratoire.*

Hong Kong, May 27 2008 – **Château Canon La Gaffeliere** took first-place honors at the prestigious **Saint-Emilion Grands Crus Classés Challenge (*Coupe des Grands Crus Classés de Saint-Emilion*)**, held for the third time in its history outside France.

**Château Clos des Jacobins** was the runner-up, and the two semi-finalists were **Clos de l'Oratoire** and **Château Balestard la Tonnelle**.



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Organized by the **Conseil des Vins de Saint-Emilion** in the presence of "the Jurade de Saint-Emilion", this 11th biennial competition had 35 Saint-Emilion Grands Crus Classés go head to head in a series of eliminatory rounds in which pairs of wines were compared for overall consistency in quality in three consecutive vintages. This year, the vintages were **2003, 2004 and 2005**.

The four top winners will be honored in the medieval city of Saint-Emilion during the "Fête de Printemps" of "the Jurade de Saint-Emilion", Sunday 15 June 2008. The grand winner will be presented with a magnum-sized *Saint-Emilion* decanter from the **Riedel** crystal collection, and the runner-up and semi-finalists will receive a single-bottle sized version of the same.

Since 1999, there is also the **Saint-Emilion Grands Crus Challenge**, held every two years in Saint-Emilion, alternating with the Saint-Emilion Grands Crus Classés Challenge.

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PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE  
SAINT-EMILION GRANDS CRUS CLASSÉS CHALLENGE



YEAR	WINNER	OTHER FINALIST	SEMI-FINALISTS
2006	Château Clos des Jacobins	Château Canon la Gaffelière	Château La Marzelle Château Pavie Decesse
2004	Château les Grandes Murailles	Château Canon la Gaffelière	Château La Couspaude Clos Saint-Martin
2002	Clos de L'Oratoire	Château Berliquet	Château Cap de Mourlin Château La Couspaude
2000	Château Canon la Gaffelière	Château Grand-Mayne	Château Clos des Jacobins Château La Dominique
1998	Château Larmande	Clos de l'Oratoire	Château La Serre Château Clos des Jacobins
1996	Château Angéus	Château Grand-Mayne	Château Beau-Séjour Bécot Château Haut-Corbin
1994	Château Angéus	Château Troplong-Mondot	Château Grand Pontet Château La Dominique
1992	Château La Dominique	Château Clos des Jacobins	Château Beau-Séjour Bécot Château Tertre Daugay
1990	Château Larmande	Château Grand Mayne	Château Troplong-Mondot Château La Serre
1998	Château Guadet Saint-Julien	Château Canon la Gaffelière	Château Mauvezin Château Larmande

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