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THE FRENCH CHEESE CLUB World Championship Cheese Contest Winner

New York, March 14, 2008 – The French Cheese Club is proud to announce that *Epoisses* of the Fromagerie Berthaut is the proud recipient of the First Prize in the "Open Soft Cheese" Category in the 2008 World Championship Cheese Contest. The Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association gathered in Madison, Wisconsin March 11-13, 2008 to consider 1941 entries. The only French cheesemaker to be awarded a distinction this year, Mr. Berthaut announced that he was "very pleased to be honored for the first time by the prestigious American Cheese Makers Association". He will make the trip from France to receive his Award on hand April 24. Go to http://www.wischeesemakersassn.org/index.html for more information.



The proud winner: a classic French cheese from Burgundy, dating back to the 16th century. In 1991, the Epoisses obtained the Appelation of Origine Controlée Epoisses of Burgundy and has won over 80 awards in France. Its fabrication technique is very specific and particularly complex: the milk stemming from qualified producers undergoes a slow clotting, and then the hopping is made with care to allow a good drainage. A patient re-wiping, precedes the maturing of about five weeks, during which the cheese receives manual and individual care, two to three times a week, with water loaded more and more with Marc de Bourgogne. Its rind then slowly takes on a beautiful red-orange tint. Its aroma is rich. Its flavors stay sweet and subtle. Recommended Wine pairing: Chablis

Created in 2007, the French Cheese Club is a group effort by 5 of France's most renowned cheese makers to promote their cheeses and the French cheese tradition at large

Members of the French Cheese Club:

Didier Lincet: Chaource, Brillat-Savarin, Delice de Bourgogne, Saint-Florentin E. Graindorge: Pont l'Évêque, Livarot, Grain d'Orge, Camembert au Calvados, Neufchâtel Etoile du Sud: Saint Marcellin, Saint Felicien, Boucantrin, Roves des Garrigues, Provencal

Fromagerie Berthaut: Époisses, Perrière, Trou du Cru, Affidélice, Soumaintrain

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