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## 2012 Viognier named a *Top Rated* Viognier by Gayot

Charlottesville, VA – January 10, 2014: Gayot, an internationally renowned guide to dining, hotels, travel and lifestyle for readers in search of the best across the world, has reviewed Viognier from around the globe in order to come up with their *Top Rated*. Twenty-eight Viogniers from six countries made the list. In their findings, Trump Winery's 2012 Viognier was named a *Top Rated* Viognier. Two Virginia Viogniers, Chrysalis Vineyards and Trump Winery, made the *Top Rated* list out scoring wines from Argentina, Australia, Chile, South Africa, Washington and California just to name a few. <a href="http://www.gayot.com/wine/varietals/best-viognier.html">http://www.gayot.com/wine/varietals/best-viognier.html</a>

Trump Winery's winemaker Katell Griaud said that, "It feels great to be recognized by Gayot for producing a top rated Viognier. This grape is fun to work with as a winemaker in Virginia. It is a grape that you can really play with the ripeness to develop certain profiles of aromatics like melon, tropical fruit, and floral notes. Aging a percentage of our wine in French Oak barrels brings added character and rounds out the body and creates a great length to the wine. It is a wine that I am really proud of."

When asked about the award, Eric Trump, President of Trump Winery commented, "We are thrilled with the recognition. Gayot is a serious resource with thousands of reviews so it is an honor to be recognized. When we purchased the winery in 2011 we set a goal of producing wines that could compete with the best in the world. Being included on this comprehensive list proves we are doing it. This sets the tone for 2014 and drives us to continue working hard to produce top quality wines."

General Manager, Kerry Woolard said "It is great to see two Viogniers from Virginia on this very impressive list. Viognier was named Virginia's signature grape in May 2011 and this really shows that some of the best Viogniers in the world are being produced here. The credit certainly goes to our amazing team working in the vineyard and winery."

Trump Winery's 2012 Viognier shows vibrant exotic aromas defined by apricot, peach and orange blossom. The palate is round and elegant with some complementary vanilla notes from the barrels, providing texture and complexity. Pair with rich sauces, scallops, and other shellfish. This wine has also received a gold medal at the San Francisco International Wine Competition; the nation's largest and most prestigious wine competition.

Find out more about our awards here: http://www.trumpwinery.com/scripts/awardList.cfm

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## **About Trump Winery**

Featuring almost 1,300 acres of breathtaking scenery, Trump Winery is situated in the heart of the Monticello Wine Trail in Charlottesville, Virginia. Just eight miles from Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, Trump Winery follows Jefferson's footsteps in making new world wines inspired by the French wine regions of Bordeaux and Champagne. With a deep sense of place we aim to tie together terroir and innovation, producing wines receiving national and international acclaim. With almost 200 acres of vines, Trump Winery is the largest vineyard in Virginia. Our wines are currently available in twenty states and two countries.