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Trump Winery Awarded Four Gold Medals at Virginia Governor's Cup Wine Competition

Charlottesville, VA – February 27, 2019: Our 2014 Blanc de Blanc, 2014 Blanc de Noir, 2014 Sparkling Rosé, and 2016 New World Reserve were all awarded Gold medals at this year's competition. The 2019 Virginia Governor's Cup Competition began with 10 days of preliminary tastings held at the Capital Wine School in Washington, D.C. During this round, each wine is tasted by 7 judges in a single-blind tasting. After the preliminary round, the highest ranking wines are blind-tasted by the entire panel of esteemed judges and awarded medals based on scores, with the gold medals earning over 90 points. This year, judges included notable wine critics Dave McIntire of the Washington Post, Steven Spurrier of Decanter Magazine, and Michael Franz of Wine Review Online to name a few. 510 wines were submitted from 102 wineries.

"I am so proud of Jonathan and the entire vineyard and winemaking teams. Receiving gold medals for these wines validates all the hard work we put into making the best wines we can. Being recognized for the quality of the product is a true honor," stated Kerry Woolard, General Manager of Trump Winery.

"It's a huge honor to have four of our wines win gold medals at this year's competition. There are exceptional wines coming out of Virginia and it is very rewarding to be in this select group of gold medal winners. I'm very proud of all four of these wines and the high accolades they have each recently received." - Jonathan Wheeler, Winemaker

About the wines

The 2014 Blanc de Blanc, recently named North America's Best Blanc de Blanc, is made via Méthode Champenoise from 100% Chardonnay. Hand picking by night and gently pressing ensures that this wine retains all of its best qualities. After a combination 96% stainless steel and 4% neutral French oak barrel aging, the wine gains complexity by aging on the lees in the bottle for a minimum of 3 years. At disgorging, a low dosage is added to balance acidity and improve mouth-feel.

The 2014 Blanc de Noir, meaning "white from black", made from 100% Pinot Noir, is a beautiful representation of how this grape can be transformed to create a world class sparkling wine. Made via Méthode Champenoise, the grapes were picked in the middle of the night and gently pressed to create the base for this sparkling wine. After aging in 67% stainless steel and 33% neutral French oak, this wine gained complexity by aging on the lees for 36 months.

The 2014 Sparkling Rosé, which has earned 97 and 96 points in back to back competitions, is made via Méthode Champenoise, and is a blend of 90% Chardonnay and 10% Pinot Noir. After a combination of stainless steel and French oak barrel aging, the wine gains complexity by aging on the lees for 36 months. At disgorging, a low dosage is added to balance acidity and improve mouthfeel.

The 2016 New World Reserve, our signature Bordeaux-style red blend, was hand-harvested and sorted then gravity fed to tank where it undergoes a cold maceration for 4-5 days. The grapes are then fermented entirely in stainless tanks with manual punchdowns. After alcoholic fermentation, an extended post maceration allows for additional body and structure. Malolactic fermentation in barrel softens the wine by removing malic acid. Only free run wines are used in New World Reserve and are aged in 50% new and 50% 1 year old French oak barrels for 18 months before bottling.

About Trump Winery®

Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in central Virginia, Trump Winery® lies a few miles from James Monroe's Highland and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, the birthplace of American Viticulture. At nearly 1,300 acres, with 227 acres of vineyard, the winery is the largest in Virginia and the largest vinifera vineyard on the East Coast. With multiple best-in-class designations, the estate produces the finest terroir-driven sparkling, white and red wines. To learn about all of our award winning wines, visit <https://www.trumpwinery.com/winery/accolades/>