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## Trump Winery Named One of Top 12 Wines at Virginia Governor's Cup Wine Competition

Charlottesville, VA – March 24, 2022: Trump Winery's 2015 Sparkling Reserve named one of top 12 wines in this year's competition. The 2022 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 12 esteemed judges over the course of 3 days using the 100 Point Wine Spectator scale to rate them. A record-setting year brought in over 600 entries from over 100 wineries, with the top 12 wines comprising the Governor's Cup Case. Trump Winery's 2016 Blanc de Blanc, 2015 Sparkling Rosé, and 2019 New World Reserve were awarded Gold medals at this year's competition.

"We are honored that our Sparkling Reserve received this prestigious accolade from the Virginia Governor's Cup for the second time in a row. Our Sparkling Reserve is outstanding by every metric and I am incredibly proud of our amazing team." – Eric Trump, President of Trump Winery

"The sparkling wines are my favorite wines to produce year after year. It is thrilling to take home this top award once again for the Sparkling Reserve. I am always focused on improving the quality of the wines, starting in the vineyard, so to have a panel of such esteemed professionals rate our 2015 Sparkling Reserve one of the top wines in Virginia validates all of our hard work and dedication. I am so proud of the vineyard and winery team and everyone involved in making this wine." – Jonathan Wheeler, Winemaker

### About the wine

The 2015 Sparkling Reserve is our signature sparkling wine which reflects the best techniques and aging methods of the vintage Méthode Champenoise process. The chardonnay grapes for this wine were harvested from the oldest block on our estate-grown vineyard. This block, with its age and north facing slope, holds acidity and allows for the grapes to mature more slowly. Picking these grapes at peak ripeness and a gentle pressing recovering only the Coeur de cuvee provided the perfect wine for aging. Aging in 65% stainless steel tanks as well as 35% neutral French oak gives the wine a soft and structured mouth-feel. This wine is then aged on tirage for five years; this aging time on its lees allowed the true flavors of Champenoise process to develop. At disgorging, a low amount of dosage finishes this wine in a brut-style which is balanced, rich, and delightful.

### About Trump Winery®

Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, in the heart of the Monticello Wine Trail, Trump Winery® showcases stunning panoramas of Blue Ridge views, expansive vineyards, large lakes, and lush landscapes. The grand atmosphere of the winery's new Tasting Room along with unparalleled hospitality, an engaging line up of signature events, and award-winning wines are sure to delight enthusiasts and connoisseurs alike.

Just a few miles from Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's renowned home and the birthplace of American viticulture, the winery produces the finest sparkling, white and red wines that have garnered numerous national and international gold medals, best-in-class designations, and 90+ point ratings from *Wine Spectator*, *WineEnthusiast*, James Suckling, and Steven Spurrier, solidifying Trump Winery's position as a top producer on the global stage.

Located just 15 minutes from historic downtown Charlottesville, Trump Winery® is the perfect setting for your next event. With multiple luxurious venues from which to choose, our beautiful private estate setting is the perfect backdrop for intimate groups or grand events. For more information, visit <https://www.trumpwinery.com/>. Connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).