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

Charlottesville, VA – March 8, 2022: Trump Winery's 2016 Blanc de Blanc, 2015 Sparkling Rosé, 2015 Sparkling Reserve and 2019 New World Reserve were all awarded Gold medals at 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, with the gold medals being awarded to wines scored over 90 points. A record-setting year brought in over 600 entries from over 100 wineries, with 127 gold medals awarded.

"I am so proud of Jonathan and the entire vineyard and winemaking teams. Receiving gold medals for these four 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 received." - Jonathan Wheeler, Winemaker

### About the wines

The 2016 Blanc de Blanc is a brut sparkling wine made via Méthode Champenoise with our estate-grown Chardonnay vineyards. Hand picking by night and gently pressing ensures that this wine retains all of its best qualities. After a combination of 88% stainless steel and 12% neutral French oak barrel aging, the wine gains complexity by aging on the lees in the bottle for a minimum of 40 months. At disgorging, a low dosage is added to balance acidity and improve mouth-feel.

The 2015 Sparkling Rosé is a brut sparkling wine made via Méthode Champenoise by blending 88% Chardonnay and 12% Pinot Noir. Hand picking at night and gently pressing ensures that this wine retains all of its best qualities. After a combination of stainless steel and French oak barrel aging, the wine gains complexity by aging on the lees in the bottle for a minimum of 36 months. At disgorging, a low dosage is added to balance acidity and improve mouth-feel.

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.

The 2019 New World Reserve grapes are hand-harvested and sorted then gravity fed to tank where they undergoes a cold maceration for four-five 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 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](#).