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Trump Winery wins two Double Gold and three Gold medals at America's largest and most influential international wine competition

All ten entries received a medal

Charlottesville, VA – November 29, 2018: Celebrating 38 years, the San Francisco International Wine Competition (SFIWC) awards the nation's most highly-esteemed wine accolades. A blind-tasting conducted by a highly experienced panel of internationally acclaimed wine experts awarded Trump Winery ten medals, including two Double Gold, three Gold, two Silver, and three Bronze.

Trump Winery's 2014 Sparkling Rosé and 2014 Blanc de Noir were awarded the competition's highest medal: Double Gold with 97 and 94 points respectively. Both wines beat out well-known champagnes and sparkling wines from the most famous regions of the world, further solidifying Trump Winery's position as a top producer on the global stage.

"I am incredibly proud of Trump Winery and our outstanding performance at this year's San Francisco International Wine Competition. It is among the most prestigious event in the industry and to walk away with 10 awards is an amazing validation to our wines and the hard work of our fantastic team." – Eric Trump, President

Trump Winery's 2017 Viognier, 2015 New World Reserve, and 2017 Rosé all received Gold medals. The 2017 Sauvignon Blanc and 2014 New World Reserve garnered Silver along with three Bronze for the 2016 Chardonnay, 2014 Sparkling Blanc de Blanc, and 2010 Sparkling Reserve.

"The San Francisco International is one of the toughest competitions out there for wines. Going head to head against the biggest wine brands in the world really separates the best of the best. I am especially proud that we earned a medal for every wine we entered and ranging from sparkling, to white, to red. It shows that Virginia can compete on all levels of wine production.' – Jonathan Wheeler, Winemaker

About the wines

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 now 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 2017 Viognier, set to release in early 2019, is true to its variety with delicate floral notes and aromas of peach, honeysuckle, and tropical fruits. Barrel aging creates a palate that is round, elegant, and complex, giving the wine additional hints of vanilla and toast.

The 2015 New World Reserve, our signature Bordeaux-style red blend, showcases the best terroir. It is complex and round, with silky tannins, and has developed flavors of toasted oak, currant, and black cherry.

The 2017 Rosé burst with strawberry and grapefruit aromas on the palate it is nicely balanced with a refreshing and bright acidity and a soft and creamy finish.

To learn about all of our award winning wines, visit https://www.trumpwinery.com/winery/accolades/

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.

About the competition

This year's competition, held in San Francisco from November 17-19th, comprised of more than 4,300 entries from over 31 countries. SFIWC continues to set the standards for professional wine judging since its debut in 1980 and maintains the highest level of integrity with a blind-tasting system. To learn more about the competition: https://sfwinecomp.com/results/overview