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Trump Winery wins back-to-back Monticello Cup

Charlottesville, VA – April 20, 2015: Trump Winery remains the reigning champion of the Monticello Cup after winning the competition for the second year in a row. The prestigious 2015 Monticello Cup was presented to Trump Winery Thursday, April 9th at the Jefferson Theater in Charlottesville, VA by Washington Post wine columnist Dave McIntyre for the 2008 Sparkling Reserve. The 2009 Sparkling Rosé was the winner at the 2014 competition. Trump Winery's 2012 New World Reserve also received a silver medal.

Jonathan Wheeler, winemaker at Trump Winery stated, "It's a huge honor to win the Monticello Cup for the second year in a row. There are some fantastic wines coming out of the Monticello AVA and it is very rewarding to see our hard work in the vineyard and winery paying off with some exceptional wines. I've been looking forward to releasing this wine because the 2008 vintage was such a great vintage with slow ripening which allowed for better balanced acidity and lower sugar needed for truly great sparkling wine."

The 2008 Sparkling Reserve, which is currently available in the Tasting Room and online, is crisp and elegant with a soft finely beaded mousse, has notes of honey, baked apples, pear, toffee, and spice. It is rich and bold in style. The wine was bottled in tirage in 2009 then aged for 5 years on the yeast, which gives the added character. As the yeast inside the bottle break down, it creates the classic fresh baked bread aromas as well as creating a softer more full texture in the mouth. A light dosage was added in December 2014 at the final bottling.

"Competing against the best wineries in the Monticello AVA and taking home the Cup not only once but two years in a row is a huge honor." said Eric Trump, President of Trump Winery. "Every year the wines we produce at Trump Winery grow in prestige and popularity. We are very proud to see all the hard work and investment paying off."

Kerry Woolard, General Manager of Trump Winery, added "I've been looking forward to the release of this wine since we started tasting trials over a year ago. The 2008 Sparkling Reserve is certainly the best sparkling from Jonathan that I have tasted and I'm excited to finally share it. Kudos to Jonathan and his team for winning this great award!"

The Jefferson Wine and Grape Growers Society, sponsor of the Monticello Cup wine competition, exists to promote and encourage cooperation among the Central Virginia wineries.

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About Trump Winery

Featuring over 1,300 acres of breathtaking scenery, Trump Winery is situated in the heart of the Monticello Wine Trail in Charlottesville, Virginia. Just a few 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 sixteen states and two countries.

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