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

Charlottesville, VA – February 6, 2023: Trump Winery is proud to announce that our 2016 Sparkling Reserve, 2016 Blanc de Noir, 2017 Blanc de Blanc, 2021 Sauvignon Blanc, and 2019 New World Reserve have all been awarded gold medals at the 2023 Virginia Governor's Cup Wine Competition. The competition, now in its 41st year, is considered one of the nation's most rigorous wine competitions, attracting the best wineries from across Virginia. Gold medals were awarded to 142 wines from 66 Virginia wineries, cideries, and meaderies after a series of rigorous blind tastings.

"We are extremely proud to have been recognized at the Virginia Governor's Cup Wine Competition," said Eric Trump, President. "Our vineyard and winemaking teams work tirelessly to produce exceptional wines that showcase the unique terroir of our vineyard. It's an honor to be recognized for their hard work and dedication."

"We are thrilled to receive these awards and recognition from the Virginia Governor's Cup," said Jonathan Wheeler, Winemaker. "Our team works endlessly to create the best possible wines, and these awards are a testament to our commitment to excellence. We are proud to be a part of the vibrant and growing wine industry in Virginia, and we look forward to continuing to produce exceptional wines for years to come."

### **About the wines**

The 2016 Sparkling Reserve is our signature sparkling wine and reflects the best techniques and aging methods of the vintage Méthode Champenoise process. The Chardonnay grapes for this wine were hand-harvested from the oldest block on our estate-grown vineyard. With a north-facing slope, the grapes hold acidity and allow slow ripening developing complex flavors. Aging in 65% stainless steel tanks, as well as 35% neutral French oak gives the wine a soft and structured mouth-feel. Aged on tirage for five years, then disgorged with a low amount of dosage finishes this wine in a brut style that is balanced, rich, and delightful. The wine offers delicate flavors of brioche, lemon cream, poached pears, hazelnut and vanilla; perfect for any occasion. Only 630 cases produced.

Our 2016 Sparkling Blanc de Noir, meaning "white from black," is made from 100% estate-grown Pinot Noir, and is a beautiful representation of how this grape can be transformed to create a world-class sparkling wine. Made via Méthode Champenoise, the grapes are picked at night and gently pressed to create a white juice base for this sparkling wine. After aging in 67% stainless steel and 33% neutral French oak, the wine gains complexity by aging on the lees in the bottle for 36 months. At disgorging, a reserve dosage is added to balance acidity and improve mouth-feel. Flavors of apple, pear, and candied lemon peel dominate the nose. Nicely balanced with nutty and complex bread dough aromas.

The 2017 Blanc de Blanc brut sparkling wine is made via Méthode Champenoise with our estate-grown Chardonnay vineyards. Hand picking at night and gentle 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 36 months. At disgorging, a

low dosage is added to balance acidity and improve mouth-feel. Bright green apple and fresh citrus notes with layers of brioche and yeast complexity. An excellent balance of acidity, creamy mousse, and textures that persist with a long and elegant finish.

Our 2021 Sauvignon Blanc was hand-harvested and hand sorted. Whole berries are allowed to macerate in tank over night at 10°C to extract some of the aromatics found within the Sauvignon Blanc skins. After 12 hours, the juice is extracted and the remaining juice is pressed out of the skins. After cold settling, the juice is fermented at low temperatures for over one month in 100% stainless steel. After fermentation, the lees are stirred for about 3 months in tank to improve mouth-feel. After six months of aging, the result is a wine that is both fresh, as well as round. Vibrant with aromas of grapefruit, melon, passion fruit, and boxwood. Boasts an exciting palate with a refreshing crisp and clean acidity.

The 2019 New World Reserve grapes were hand-harvested and sorted then crushed to tank where they underwent a cold maceration for 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 20 months before bottling. This signature Bordeaux-style blend is complex and round with well-structured tannins and developed flavors of blackberry, cassis, vanilla, and toasted oak.

### **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 Tasting Room along with unparalleled hospitality, an engaging lineup of signature events, and award-winning wines are sure to delight enthusiasts and connoisseurs alike.

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.

Trump Winery® is the perfect setting to visit the Tasting Room, for next event, or overnight accommodations at our luxury boutique hotel. Our wines can be [purchased online](#) and shipped directly to your door to 44 states and Washington DC. Trump Winery offers Wine Club memberships, giving members exclusive access to their rich program of award-winning wines. The wines are also available in select wine shops and restaurants distributed through of wholesale partnerships across 30 states.

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