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Trump Winery's 2012 Meritage Awarded Best-of-Class

Charlottesville, VA – March 12, 2014: Trump Winery is pleased to announce the recent "Best-of-Class" award for our 2012 Meritage at the 2014 East Meets West-Eastern Division wine competition held by Vineyard & Winery Management Magazine. The competition was held on February 19, 2014 with judges present from around the country. In total, 123 wineries from all across the country including wines from Argentina and Canada entered 96 categories. In addition to our Meritage, the 2009 Sparkling Rosé and 2012 Viognier were awarded silver medals and the 2012 Sauvignon Blanc and 2009 Sparkling Blanc de Noir were awarded bronze medals.

"The 2014 International East Meets West Wine Challenge was the first competition we entered our 2012 Meritage after recently releasing the wine, so it feels really great that this wine won 1st prize for the Red Boardeaux blend. Every year the production team tries to produce the best wines that we can so it is always a great pleasure and so important to us when this work is recognized by other professionals in the wine industry," said Katell Griaud, winemaker at Trump Winery.

Griaud is happy with the Silver Medal for the 2012 Viognier as well. The wine has been getting a lot of traction in the recent past, since Virginia claimed the Viognier as its state grape in 2011. Where it was once a small planting, Viognier has been a game-changer for Virginia wineries. Thousands of plantings are scattered throughout the state. To be awarded silver alongside fellow Virginian wineries Pearmund's 2011 Viognier as well as the 2012 Winery at Bull Run Viognier Lilly's Viognier is a testament to the rise of the Virginia wine industry.

Jonathan Wheeler, Sparking winemaker, is equally satisfied with the Silver medal for the 2009 Sparkling Rosé. "We are pleased when we are honored with a medal because we know how much work went into making the final product—from the vineyard to the winery. A silver at the East Meets West Competition for the 2009 Sparkling Rosé shows our dedication to quality."

This is the second year that the International Eastern Wine Competition, founded in 1975 and one of the oldest wine competitions in the nation, has matched off against the West Coast Wine Competition. Wines were simultaneously judged in the two divisions. Best-of-Show winners moved on to compete in the East Meets West Taste Off.

Find out more about our awards here: <http://www.trumpwinery.com/scripts/awardList.cfm>

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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 twenty states and two countries.

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