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Two of the Top 12 Wines at the Virginia Governor's Cup Competition Awarded to Trump Winery

Charlottesville, VA – February 23, 2023: Trump Winery's 2016 Blanc de Noir and 2019 New World Reserve have been named two of the top 12 wines in Virginia, making up the Governor's Cup Case, at the 2023 Virginia Governor's Cup Wine Competition. The competition, now in its 41st year, is a highly respected competition that recognizes the best wines in Virginia. At this year's competition, gold medals were awarded to 142 wines from 66 Virginia wineries after a series of rigorous blind tastings. The top 12 wines, which make up the coveted Governor's Cup Case, were revealed at the Governor's Cup Gala held in Richmond, VA.

"We are thrilled to have two of our wines recognized as some of the best in Virginia," said Kerry Woolard, General Manager. "The Virginia Governor's Cup is known for its stringent judging process and the fact that our 2016 Blanc de Noir and 2019 New World Reserve stood out among such stiff competition is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire team. I'm incredibly proud of their commitment to producing exceptional wines that showcase the unique terroir of Virginia."

"We are honored to have not just one, but two of our wines recognized in the Governor's Cup Case this year," said Jonathan Wheeler, Winemaker. "These accolades are a tribute to the dedication of my team and our commitment to crafting exceptional wines. I'm incredibly proud."

About the wines

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 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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