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## Trump Winery wins Gold medals for 2012 Blanc de Blanc and 2015 New World Reserve at Monticello Cup Awards-- our region's most prestigious wine competition

Charlottesville, VA – May 8, 2018: The Monticello Cup Awards ceremony was held Monday, May 7 at the Jefferson Theater in Charlottesville, VA to celebrate the winning wines of the Monticello Cup. The competition, coordinated by the Virginia Wine & Spirits Academy and in its 28<sup>th</sup> year, rates wines from the Monticello American Viticultural Area (AVA). The panel of experts blindly judged the 58 entries from 22 wineries, seeking out the best wines to showcase the region. This year 13 gold medals were awarded, with two going to Trump Winery. Trump Winery's 2017 Sauvignon Blanc was awarded a Silver medal. In addition to the gold medal, the 2012 Sparkling Blanc de Blanc was placed in the Top 3 white wines.

Jonathan Wheeler, Winemaker at Trump Winery, stated, "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'm really proud of both of these wines and am honored to receive this recognition."

Kerry Woolard, General Manager of Trump Winery, added "Competing against the best wineries in the Monticello AVA and winning two gold medals is a huge honor. The Monticello AVA has so many talented winemakers and is producing the best wines in the state; so it's like a 'best of the best' in my mind. Every year the wines from our area get better and better, and it is great to see the growth in prestige and popularity. Jonathan and his team work really hard, this award is well deserved. I'm very proud of them."

Find out more about our awards here: <http://www.trumpwinery.com/winery/accolades/category/awards/>

### About the wines

The 2012 Sparkling Blanc de Blanc, available in the Tasting Room and online, is a brut sparkling wine made via méthode champenoise. The grapes were hand-picked in small baskets and gently pressed using a Champagne press. After a combination of 95% stainless steel and 5% neutral French oak barrel aging, the wine gained complexity by aging on the lees in the bottle for a minimum of 36 months. A low dosage is added at disgorging to balance acidity and to improve mouthfeel. The nose begins with green apple, brioche, and slight pear. On the palate there is crisp acidity with citrus notes. Harvested August 5, 2012, 12.5% alcohol, .6% residual sugar, 3,000 cases produced.

The 2015 New World Reserve, now available in the Tasting Room and online, is our signature Bordeaux-style blend that showcases our best terroir. The grapes were hand-picked and sorted then gravity-fed into tank where it underwent a cold maceration for 4-5 days. Only free run wines are used in the New World Reserve and are aged in 50% new and 50% 1 year old French oak barrels for 18 months prior to bottling. The 2015 blend is 60% Merlot, 25% Petit Verdot, 10% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Malbec and is complex and round with silky tannins and developed flavors of toasted oak, currant, and black cherry. Harvested October 10, 2015, 13.5% alcohol, .02% residual sugar, 1,000 cases produced.

## **About Trump Winery**

Featuring nearly 1,300 acres of breathtaking scenery, Trump Winery is situated in the heart of the Monticello Wine Trail. We pride ourselves on creating the finest terroir-driven sparkling, white, and red wines, which have won numerous national and international medals and best-in-class designations. With 227 acres of French vinifera varieties, Trump Winery is Virginia's largest vineyard and the largest vinifera vineyard on the East Coast. Our wines are currently available in 24 states plus Washington, D.C.