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

Charlottesville, VA – March 01, 2024: In a stunning display of excellence, Trump Winery proudly announces a remarkable achievement of winning five gold medals in the prestigious Virginia Governor's Cup Wine competition. The distinguished accolades were bestowed upon our 2017 Blanc de Noir, 2022 Sauvignon Blanc, 2022 Chardonnay, 2021 Chardonnay Reserve, and 2022 Viognier, affirming their outstanding quality and craftsmanship.

Now in its 42nd year, the Virginia Governor's Cup stands as one of the nation's most rigorous wine competitions, drawing premier wineries from across Virginia. This year's competition saw 137 wines from 79 wineries receiving gold medals after a series of meticulous blind tastings. Trump Winery proudly emerged as the leader, clinching the most gold medals of any participant, showcasing our commitment to producing exceptional wines.

About the wines

The 2017 Sparkling Blanc de Noir, is a testament to the artistry of transforming 100% estate-grown Pinot Noir into a world-class sparkling wine. Crafted using Méthode Champenoise, the grapes are picked under moonlight, gently pressed, and aged in 73% stainless steel and 27% neutral French oak, followed by 48 months of aging on lees in the bottle to gain complexity. Resulting in a beautifully balanced creation with flavors of apple, pear, and candied lemon peel, complemented by nutty and complex dough aromas.

Our 2021 Sauvignon Blanc was meticulously hand-harvested and sorted. After an overnight maceration, the juice is extracted and cold-settled, then fermented at low temperatures in 100% stainless steel for over a month. Stirring the lees for three months enhances mouth-feel, resulting in a wine that's fresh yet rounded after six months of aging. Revel in vibrant aromas of grapefruit, melon, passion fruit, and boxwood, accompanied by a refreshing, crisp acidity on the palate.

A standout in the Trump Winery collection is the 2021 Chardonnay Reserve. Crafted from premium Chardonnay blocks with elevated vineyards, high density, and optimal maturity, this reserve has a creamy palate, and refreshing acidity. Notes of lemon, baked apple, vanilla, and butterscotch harmonize in this hand-harvested, whole cluster pressed masterpiece. Aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, this wine is a refined experience in every sip.

Our 2022 Chardonnay features lively notes of citrus, green apple, white peach, and vanilla. Hand-harvested at sunrise, the grapes undergo a whole cluster pressing, followed by cold settling and partial fermentation in stainless steel tanks, finishing in French oak. Skipping malolactic fermentation ensures lasting freshness. A strategic lees mixing for 1-2 months adds depth to the mouthfeel. Aging occurs in 75% stainless steel and 25% French oak barrels.

The 2022 Viognier is true to its varietal nature, this wine boasts delicate floral notes, along with aromas of peach, honeysuckle, and tropical fruits. Barrel aging lends a round, elegant, and complex palate, introducing hints of vanilla and toast. Viognier is hand-harvested, undergoes a 12-hour cold maceration, and is then pressed. After cold settling, fermentation occurs in stainless steel tanks, with one-third transferred to 1 and 2-year-old French oak barrels as fermentation nears completion. Following nine months of lees aging, the result is an aromatic and full-bodied Viognier.

"We take immense pride in our acknowledgment at the Virginia Governor's Cup Wine Competition," expressed Eric Trump, President. "Our vineyard and winemaking teams put in unwavering effort to craft outstanding wines that highlight the distinct terroir of our vineyard. Being acknowledged for their relentless dedication is truly an honor."

"We are thrilled to be honored with these awards and accolades from the Virginia Governor's Cup," said Jonathan Wheeler, Winemaker. "Our team dedicates itself to crafting the finest wines, and these awards validate our commitment to excellence."

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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