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Cheers to Excellence: Announcing the Winners of the Inaugural Vine 2 Wine™ International Wine Competition

Brady Cabernet Franc, Paso Robles, 2022 Receives Top Honor at the Inaugural FWSSR Vine 2 Wine™ International Wine Competition

October 30, 2024 – Fort Worth, TX – The Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR) is proud to announce the winners of the inaugural Vine 2 Wine™ International Wine Competition, where wines from Texas and around the world were judged by an esteemed panel of wine experts. The competition, held at Will Rogers Memorial Center Oct. 19-21, fielded a dazzling array of exceptional wines and expands the FWSSR’s scope of agricultural and culinary competitions.

Top honors were awarded to the following standout wines and wineries, recognized for their quality and craftsmanship through a rigorous, double-blind tasting process:

PREMIUM AWARDS

Grand Champion: Brady Cabernet Franc, Paso Robles, 2022

Reserve Grand Champion: Hilmy Cellars Marsanne, Texas High Plains, 2022

Best Texas Wine: Becker Reserve Viognier, Texas High Plains, 2022

Top All-Around Winery: Becker Vineyards

Texas Winery of the Year: Hilmy Cellars

Top Wine Company: E&J Gallo Winery

BEST OF TEXAS AWARDS

Best of Texas High Plains: McPherson Cellars “La Herencia” Tempranillo, Texas High Plains, 2022

Best of Texas Hill Country: Sandy Road Mourvèdre, Texas Hill Country, 2022

Best of Texoma: Edge of the Lake Texas Hog Wash Rosé, Texoma, 2023

Best of North Texas Region: Cresson Bluff Winery Tempranillo, Texas, 2019

BEST IN CLASS AWARDS

Best in Class Sparkling: Champagne Palmer Blanc de Blancs Champagne AOC, NV

Best in Class Red: Yellowstone 1883 Reserve “The Bison” Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, 2019

Best in Class White: Chateau Buena Vista Chardonnay, Carneros, 2022

Best in Class Sweet Wine: Texas Wine Collective Sweet Muscat, Texas High Plains, 2022

Best Value Wine: Sand Point Sauvignon Blanc, California, 2023

“This year’s winners truly represent outstanding wines,” said Stock Show President, Brad Barnes. “Our esteemed panel of judges comprised of credentialed wine professionals evaluated wines from a wide range of regions and varietals. The level of quality we saw in our first year is a testament to the recognition of some wonderful wine makers. We are proud to launch this competition in Fort Worth and blend the sophistication of wine into our iconic Western culture.”

The Vine 2 Wine International Wine Competition is a significant addition to FWSSR’s long history of celebrating agriculture and the Western way of life. As Fort Worth’s largest and oldest public event and a key economic driver for the region, the Stock Show provides a platform for local businesses, agriculture, and now, winemaking, to thrive. The competition is part of the Vine 2 Wine program, which has featured some of the FWSSRs’ most highly anticipated events during the last seven years.

In its inaugural year, 10 countries were represented in the nearly 700 entries, with the United States topping the field with the most entries, followed by New Zealand and Chile. For a full list of all winners, please visit www.fwssr.com/vine2winecompetition.

A selection of class Champion medal-winning wines will take center stage at the 2025 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo – January 17 through February 8: the Bubbles & Bites event on January 25; and the Stock Show’s Wine Camp Wednesdays. The competition winners will also be featured in various Vine 2 Wine activities during other FWSSR events held throughout the year, allowing the public to experience these award-winning wines firsthand, while a case featuring the champion wines will be made available for purchase following the 2025 Show.

About the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

The Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo is set to “Hustle and Show,” in 2025 as it welcomes more than 13,000 youth from across Texas competing for more than \$7 million in scholarships and auction receipts, and more than 1.2 million visitors from around the world. Encounter tantalizing food, shopping, livestock shows, live music, carnival-midway, equestrian competitions, petting zoo and much more with a rodeo in the famed Dickies Arena that caps off an amazing experience. Make plans today by visiting www.fwssr.com then get ready for a legendary good time at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo – January 17 through February 8.

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