



CENTRAL COAST WINE COMPETITION
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PASO ROBLES WINERIES WIN TOP HONORS

JUNE 23, 2016 PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA – The Central Coast Wine Competition is honored and excited to announce San Marcos Creek Winery as the recipient of the 2016 Best of Show Wine. The 2016 Central Coast Wine Competition, hosted by the California Mid-State Fair in Paso Robles, California, featured the best vintages the central coast has to offer in the largest evaluation of wines produced from grapes grown on the central coast. Paso Robles based, San Marcos Creek Winery was awarded Best Red and Best of Show with their 2014 Grenache Based Blend “Fling’s First Crush”.

“What a pleasure it was to serve as Chief Judge for the Central Coast Wine Competition in 2016”, noted Chief Judge, Tom McDonald, president of Wine Spoken Here. “From adding the California Craft Spirits Competition to exceeding last year’s entries by over a 100 wines, I could not be more pleased with the outcome of the event. Our goal was to bring judges to the competition that would not only appreciate the regions wines, but aid in the marketing efforts of the wineries. With the Top five wines produced from regional star wineries like Eberle Winery, San Marcos Creek Winery, Sextant Wines, and Laetitia Vineyard and Winery, it is a testament to the judges who dedicated their time and effort to the competition.”

In its 14th year the Central Coast Wine Competition is a collaboration of six California fairs and highlights the wine industry as an integral agricultural component of the community. Gold Medal winners will be showcased at the California Mid-State Fair, Contra Costa County Fair, Grand National Livestock Exposition, Horse Show and Rodeo, Monterey County Fair, Santa Barbara County Fair, and the Ventura County Fair.

The following is a list of the Best of Class Award winning wines, a full list of results can be found at www.centralcoastwinecomp.com.

Best of Show:

Best of Show, Best of Red, Best of Grenache Based Blends
San Marcos Creek Winery 2014 "Fling's First Crush", Paso Robles

Best of Section:

Best of Sparkling, Best of Sparkling-Methodo Champenoise
Laetitia Vineyard & Winery Non-Vintage Laetitia Brut Cuvée, Arroyo Grande

Best of White, Best of Viognier
Eberle Winery 2015 Viognier, Paso Robles

Best of Pink, Best of Other Varietal Rose
Sextant Wines 2015 Rose, Paso Robles

Best of Dessert, Best of Dessert Whites
Eberle Winery 2015 Muscat Canelli, Paso Robles

Best of Class:

Best of Albarino
Bodegas Paso Robles 2015 "Galicia", Edna Valley

Best of Chardonnay
Vintage Cowboy 2015 Chardonnay, Paso Robles

Best of Chardonnay
Blair Estate 2014 Chardonnay, Arroyo Seco

Best of Riesling – Dry
Coquelicot Estate Wines 2015 Riesling, Santa Ynez Valley

Best of Riesling – Off Dry
Niven Family Wine Estates 2013 "Zocker", Paragon Vineyard, Edna Valley

Best of Sauvignon Blanc
Robert Hall Winery 2015 Sauvignon Blanc, Paso Robles

Best of Grenache Blanc
Saucelito Canyon Vineyard 2015 Grenache Blanc, Santa Ynez Valley

Best of Roussanne
Pomar Junction Vineyards 2014 Roussanne, Paso Robles

Best of Other White Rhones
Cass Vineyard & Winery 2015 Marsanne, Paso Robles

Best of White Rhone Blends
Pomar Junction Vineyards 2015 Blanc "Cotes De Pomar", Paso Robles

Best of White Blends (other than Rhones)
Red Soles Winery & Stillhouse 2015 "Heart & Sole", Paso Robles

Best of Other White Wines – Dry
Michael Gill Cellars 2015 "Oso Blanco" Vermentino, Paso Robles

Best of Other White Wines – Dry
Baker & Brain Wines 2015 Grüner Veltiner, Paragon Vineyard Edna Valley

Best of Other White Wines – Off Dry to Sweet
Kelsey See Canyon Vineyards 2014 "Orange Muscat", San Luis Obispo

Best of Grenache Rose
Grey Wolf Cellars 2015 "Soul Mate", Paso Robles

Best of Any Rose Blends

Denner Vineyards 2015 Rose, Paso Robles

Best of Barbera

Pianetta Winery 2013 Barbera, Paso Robles

Best of Cabernet Franc

Tantara Wines 2012 Cabernet Franc, Mateo Vineyard, Santa Ynez Valley

Best of Cabernet Sauvignon – Prior to 2013 & Non-Vintage

Hoyt Family Vineyards 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles

Best of Cabernet Sauvignon – 2013

Harmony Cellars 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles

Best of Cabernet Sauvignon – 2014 & 2015

Tooth & Nail Winery 2014 “The Possessor”, Paso Robles

Best of Grenache

Santa Barbara Winery 2012 Grenache, Lafond Vineyard, STA. Rita Hills

Best of Malbec

Burbank Ranch 2013 Malbec, Hidden Path, Paso Robles

Best of Merlot

Hearst Ranch Winery 2014 “Pico Creek”, Paso Robles

Best of Petite Sirah

Victor Hugo 2013 Petite Sirah (Durif), Templeton Gap District, Paso Robles

Best of Petit Verdot

Castoro Cellars 2013 Petit Verdot, Paso Robles

Best of Pinot Noir – 2013 & Prior

Plan B Cellars 2013 Pinot Noir, Edna Valley

Best of Pinot Noir – 2014 & 2015

Tlo Wines 2014 Pinot Noir, Paso Robles

Best of Sangiovese

Peacock Cellars 2014 Sangiovese, Paso Robles

Best of Syrah

J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines 2014 “Gesture”, Paso Robles

Best of Tempranillo

Bushong Vintage Company 2014 “Spanish Castle Magic”, Paso Robles

Best of Zinfandel – 2013 & Prior

Alapay Cellars 2011 Zinfandel, San Luis Obispo County

Best of Zinfandel – 2014

Riboli Family Wine Estates 2014 “Maddalena”, Paso Robles

Best of Bordeaux Blends (Meritage)

B&E Vineyard 2013 Red Rhythm, Paso Robles

Best of Sangiovese Based Blends

Indigené Cellars 2014 “Ambiente”, Paso Robles

Best of Syrah Based Blends

On Your Left Wine Co 2014 Syrah Grenache Cunoise, Paso Robles

Best of Cabernet Based Blends

Treana 2014 Treana Red, Paso Robles

Best of Other Rhone Style Blends

Rabbit Ridge/Russell Family 2013 “Allure de Robles”, Paso Robles

Best of Any Other Red Blends

Summerwood Winery 2012 Sentio, Paso Robles

Best of Any Other Red Blends

Croad Vineyards 2012 Taranaki, Willow Creek District, Paso Robles

Best of Any Other Red Varietals

Alapay Cellars 2014 Lagrein, French Camp Vineyard, Paso Robles

Central Coast Wine Competition began in 2003 and promotes the excellent quality and diversity of commercial wineries and grape growers while recognizing the fastest growing wine region in California. For further information, please visit centralcoastwinecomp.com. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @CCWineComp.