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SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW & RODEO ANNOUNCES 2025 CHAMPION WINES

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo is proud to present the Champion Wines from the 2025-2026 International Wine Competition, held September 29-30, 2025. This year's winners were selected from a robust field of 921 wines, judged by a distinguished panel of 60 experts and nine judges returning to select the champion wines. Over 314 wineries from 13 countries, including 243 wines from 39 Texas wineries submitted entries.

Many of the Champion Wines will be available in H-E-B stores during **February 2026** or can be ordered online at heb.com.

Top 15 Champion Wines:

- Grand Champion – **2022 Ride & Ridden California Cabernet Sauvignon**
- Reserve Champion – **NV Champagne Lanson Le Black Label Brut**
- Top All-Around Winery – **Rombauer Vineyards**
- Best of Herd Texas Winery – **Bending Branch Winery**
- Best of Show Red – **2021 Opaque Darkness, Paso Robles**
- Best of Show White – **2023 Rombauer Chardonnay, Carneros**
- Best of Show Rosé – **2025 Oyster Bay Marlborough Rosé**
- Best of Show International – **2022 Bodegas Emilio Moro Malleolus, Ribera del Duero DO**
- Best of Show Texas Red – **2020 Bending Branch Winery Reserve Petit Verdot, Texas High Plains, Narra Vineyards**
- Best of Show Texas White – **2023 Becker Vineyards Reserve Chardonnay, Texas**
- Best of Show Texas Rosé – **2024 Michael Ros Winery Sangiovese Rosé, Michael Ros Vineyards**
- Best of Show Sparkling – **NV Maison Albert Bichot Crémant de Bourgogne Brut Réserve**
- Best of Show Sweet – **NV Messina Hof Winery Beau, Tribute Series, Texas**
- Best of Show Value – **2022 Juan Gil Silver Label Monastrell, Jumilla DO**
- Best of Show Featured Country (Italy) – **2019 Pasqua 'Famiglia Pasqua' Amarone della Valpolicella DOCG**

The full list of award winners (including Double Gold and Top of Class) will be released no later than October 14, and can be found by clicking [here](#).

Join us to celebrate these exceptional wines at the **Champion Wine Auction & Dinner** on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium. The evening will feature a grand tasting, silent and live auctions, and the chance to mingle with winemakers and enthusiasts. Visit www.sarodeo.com/wine for tickets and details.

About the Competition and Its Impact

The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo International Wine Competition began in 2010 and has grown into one of the premier wine competitions in the country, attracting entries from renowned wineries around the globe. Proceeds from the Champion Wine Auction & Dinner directly support the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Scholarship Fund, helping fund the education of Texas youth. Since its inception, the Rodeo has committed more than \$287 million to education through scholarships, grants, endowments, and other programs. Proceeds from the Wine Events benefit the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Scholarship Fund with a portion for the advancement of viticulture.