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SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW & RODEO ANNOUNCES 2026 CHAMPION WINES

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo is proud to present the Champion Wines from the 2026-2027 International Wine Competition, held October 5-6, 2026. This year's winners were selected from a robust field of 817 wines, judged by a distinguished panel of 60 experts and five judges returning to select the champion wines. Over 231 wineries from 12 countries, including 255 wines from 40 Texas wineries submitted entries.

Many of the Champion Wines will be available in H-E-B stores during **February 2027** or can be ordered online at heb.com.

Top 15 Champion Wines:

- Grand Champion – **2021 M3 Cellars Bourbon Barrel Red Wine**
- Reserve Grand Champion – **NV Champagne Pommery Brut Royal, France**
- Top All Around Winery – **Rombauer Vineyards**
- Best of Herd Texas Winery – **Hilmy Cellars**
- Best of Show Red – **2019 Laird Family Estate Jillian's Blend, Napa Valley**
- Best of Show White – **2024 Rombauer Chardonnay, Carneros**
- Best of Show Rosé – **2026 Oyster Bay Marlborough Rosé**
- Best of Show Texas Red – **2022 Michael Ros Winery Aglianico, Texas High Plains**
- Best of Show Texas White – **2025 Hilmy Cellars Sauvignon Blanc, Texas High Plains**
- Best of Show Texas Rosé – **2025 Lost Draw High Plains Rosé, Texas High Plains**
- Best of Show Sparkling – **2024 Formando Vineyards Sparkling Picpoul Blanc**
- Best of Show Sweet – **2025 Vino Dei Fratelli Moscato D'Asti, Piedmont DOC, Italy**
- Best of Show Value – **2024 Lone Birch Cabernet Sauvignon, Yakima Valley**
- Best of Show International –**2018 Familia Zingarelli Sergio Zingarelli Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione, Italy**
- Best of Show Region (South America) **2023 AWI Wines Mitad Mitad, Uco Valley, Argentina**

The full list of award winners (including Double Gold and Top of Class) can be found by clicking here.

Join us to celebrate these exceptional wines at the **Taste of Champions Wine Auction & Dinner** on Thursday, January 21, 2027, at The University of Incarnate Word Rosenberg Sky Room. 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 $297 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.