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Monterey International Wine Competition Announces Awards

KING CITY, CA - The 2019 Monterey International Wine Competition, wrapped up on Sunday, March 10th at the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds in King City. Eighteen judges representing all aspects of the wine industry swirled and sipped through 730 entries, resulting in the selection of 61 Platinum Award winners, 154 Gold Award winners and 43 'Best of' award designations.

Platinum awards are reserved for wines scoring 94 points and above. Gold honors awarded to wines scoring 90 to 93 points. The wines scoring a minimum of 90 points and the highest point total in each category are recognized as the 'Best Of' for the 2019 competition.

Special honors include the Wine of the Year - the 2015 V. Sattui "Paradiso" Red Wine from Napa Valley (97 points), and the Best of Monterey County - the 2016 Ghost Hull Cabernet Sauvignon, San Lucas Vineyard, San Lucas, Monterey County (96 points).

This year's Winery of the Year is awarded to Halter Ranch Winery of Paso Robles, CA. This award recognizes the overall quality of the wines entered in the competition.

"As always over my twelve year association with the competition, entrants showed that their wines have a place on the world stage among the finest of their types from their respective regions, and MIWC is proud to celebrate their achievements." *Rich Cook, Director and Chief Judge.*

For a complete list of competition results, tasting notes on Platinum Wine winners as well as other items of interest, visit montereywinecompetition.com.

The Monterey International Wine Competition Grand Tasting will be held on Thursday, May 16, the opening night of the Salinas Valley Fair. Over 500 people are expected to taste award winning wines from the competition while sampling foods from local producers, caterers and restaurants. For event information and tickets go to SalinasValleyFair.com or call the Salinas Valley Fair office at 831-385-3243.

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About Salinas Valley Fair

Celebrating the 75th Fair in 2019 (with a three-year hiatus during WWII), the Salinas Valley Fair was started in 1941 to provide a venue for showcasing the agriculture in the area and give youth an opportunity to show and auction animals through 4-H and FFA. It has grown to be one of the largest Junior Livestock Auctions in the state and attracts young people from throughout Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo and San Benito Counties. The Fair is designed to be a safe, accessible venue for education, community engagement, and fun in a wholesome, family-friendly environment. It offers opportunities for people to gather through entertainment, interactive educational activities, agricultural competition and recognition programs, food and drink, and cultural events.

For more information: www.salinasvalleyfair.com.

