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Winners announced for the 2015 Lieutenant Governor's Awards for Excellence in British Columbia Wines

VICTORIA – Fourteen wines have been chosen for the 2015 Lieutenant Governor's Awards for Excellence in British Columbia Wines, the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, announced today.

"The outstanding quality of wines in British Columbia impresses our wine judges each year and makes the selection increasingly difficult," said Guichon. "This year's winners represent the best of the exceptional wines from our province."

This year, 425 wines were submitted by 116 wineries for judging. The winners are:

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| ❖ 50th Parallel Estate
2013 Chardonnay | ❖ Inniskillin Okanagan Vineyards Winery
2014 Riesling Icewine |
| ❖ BC Wine Studio
2012 Siren's Call Syrah | ❖ Lake Breeze Vineyards
2012 Merlot |
| ❖ Blasted Church Vineyards
2012 Holy Moly Petit Verdot | ❖ Noble Ridge Vineyard and Winery
2010 "The One" Sparkling |
| ❖ Cassini Cellars
2012 Cabernet Franc Collector's Series | ❖ Platinum Bench Estate Winery
2013 Gamay Noir Block 28 |
| ❖ Church & State Winery
2012 Quintessential | ❖ Red Rooster Winery
2012 Syrah Reserve |
| ❖ Enrico Winery & Vineyards
2014 Tempest Ortega | ❖ Ruby Blues Winery
2014 Commune Viognier |
| ❖ Ex Nihilo Vineyards
2013 Pinot Noir | ❖ Wild Goose Vineyards and Winery
2014 Mystic River Gewürztraminer |

The Lieutenant Governor will visit the winning wineries from July 20th to 22nd to present the Awards. Members of the Consular Corps of British Columbia will accompany her when she makes these presentations so they can gain knowledge of British Columbia's renowned wine industry.

All wineries in British Columbia were invited to submit their wines for blind judging by a panel of wine industry professionals. Wines submitted had to be from 100% British Columbian grown grapes and produced in province to be eligible.

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Backgrounder

The judging for the 2015 Lieutenant Governor's Awards for Excellence in British Columbia Wines was held from Wednesday, June 10 to Friday, June 12 at Government House in Victoria. There were 425 wines entered from 116 wineries throughout the province.



The blind judging takes place over the course of three days at Government House in Victoria

All entries were judged blindly by a panel of wine industry professionals. This year's judges were Gurvinder Bhatia, Sid Cross, Julianna Hayes, David Hopgood, Herb LeRoy, Sharon McLean, Tim Pawsey, John Schreiner and Troy Townsin. All 408 wines were tasted in the first round. Once all wines were judged, 84 were put through to the semi-final round. Thirty wines were tasted in the finals and 14 were chosen to win the 2015 Awards.



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