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41st Annual Mendocino County Fair Wine Competition Awards

Monday, August 5th — Esteemed wine judges from Northern California gathered in Mendocino County's beautiful Anderson Valley to judge the 41st annual Mendocino County Fair Wine Competition, one of the oldest regional wine competitions in California. This year there were 262 wine entries from 50 wineries. An impressive number of medals were awarded: 33 double golds, 34 gold medals and 115 silver medals. This year's distinguished judges were: Dan Berger, Laura Ness, Mark Bowery, John Sverko, Mike Dunne, Chris Sawyer, Greg Richtarek, Debra Del Fiorentino, Melanie Mann and Donny Sudthisa.

The Best of Show awards are:

Best of Show Sparkling – McFadden Farm NV Potter Valley Brut Rosé

Charlie Barra Award / Best of Show White – Navarro Vineyards 2018 Anderson Valley Edelszwicker

Best of Show Rosé – Pennyroyal Farm 2018 Anderson Valley Rosé of Pinot Noir

John Parducci Award / Best of Show Red – Foursight Wines 2017 Anderson Valley Clone 05 Pinot Noir

Best of Show Dessert – Navarro Vineyards 2018 Anderson Valley Cluster Select Late Harvest Riesling

Navarro Vineyards was once again a big winner at the wine competition with two Best of Show awards, eight Best of Class, ten double golds, three golds and twelve silver medals for their 27 entries.

One category that has grown significantly is the Blush and Rosé category. This year there were 27 entries, up from 20 entries in 2018. And of those 27, 18 received medals: four double gold, five gold and nine silver. Clearly this is a category that is showing robust growth and popularity!

Of course, Pinot Noir was the big player in the Mendocino County Fair Wine Competition with a total of 39 entries for vintages ranging from 2014-2017. The 2017 Foursight Wines Clone 05 Pinot Noir was the judges' favorite, earning the coveted John Parducci Award for Best of Show red wine.

Gold medal wines will be poured at the Mendocino County Fair in Boonville September 13-15, 2019.

A complete list of the 2019 Mendocino County Fair Wine Competition awards is available at

<http://www.mendowine.com/events/2019-mendocino-county-fair-wine-competition-awards.php>.

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