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**Oregon Wine Competition Winners Announced**

JACKSONVILLE, OREGON--The Oregon Wine Competition awards were announced Wednesday, August 24 at 6 p.m. at the Oregon Wine Experience in Jacksonville, Oregon, with Best of Show awards going to Cuckoo's Nest Cellars, Pebblestone Cellars, and Plaisance Ranch.

All of the award-winning wines will be available at the Grand Tasting on Sunday, August 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Bigham Knoll in Jacksonville, Oregon.

**Best of Show Awards** *(in alphabetical order)*

**Cuckoo's Nest Cellars**, Gold Hill, Oregon, ([cuckoosnestcellars.com](http://cuckoosnestcellars.com)).

Label "Fizzé, Early Muscat," 2015, AVA Oregon, winemaker Bryan Wilson, retail \$15.

**Pebblestone Cellars**, Medford, Oregon, ([pebblestonecellars.com](http://pebblestonecellars.com)).

Label "Viognier," 2015, AVA Rogue Valley, winemaker Bryan Wilson, retail \$25.

**Plaisance Ranch**, Williams, Oregon, ([plaisanceranch.com](http://plaisanceranch.com)).

Label "Shiraz," 2013, AVA Applegate Valley, winemaker Joe Ginet, retail \$30.

(For a complete list of medal winners, please see below.)

The winemakers receiving top awards this year were Bryan Wilson, Herb Quady, Brian Gruber, and Joe Ginet. In all, 62 vintners received 130 Double Gold, Gold, and Silver medals.

The Oregon Wine Competition is a key ingredient of the annual Oregon Wine Experience, and this year the competition was opened to wineries throughout Oregon.

218 wines--66 white, 136 red, and 16 Rosé and dessert wines--were entered in 30 classifications by 56 winemakers for 68 wineries. Grapes from 13 different American viticultural areas (AVAs) were used to produce the wines, all from Oregon and 70 percent of them from the Southern Oregon AVA.

After judging, Master of Wine Adam Lapierre commented that all of the Oregon AVAs "Have a lot to offer."

Vintages ranged from 2006 to 2015. Retail prices ranged from less than \$15 to \$79. All wines entered into the competition are commercially available.

There were twice as many Double Gold and Gold medals awarded this year compared to last year. This was due to the limitation of four wine entries per winery, which forced wineries to be very selective of their entries and send up to four of their very best wines. In all, there were 14 Double Golds, 28 Golds, and 88 Silvers.

This competition provides an excellent opportunity for winemakers to have their wines judged by a panel of six nationally renowned experts, three of them this year are masters of wine. Silver and Gold medals are awarded to the best wines, regardless of classification. Double Gold medals are awarded to wines receiving Gold medal scores from all judges on a panel and a Best of Show Award is given to the top wine in each of three categories: white, red, and other (blush, sparkling, and dessert).

For biographical information about the judges, please visit <http://www.theoregonwineexperience.com/wine-competition/>.

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# 2016 Oregon Wine Competition® Results

## Judges

Tim Hanni, MW  
Mollie Battenhouse, MW  
Luke Sykora  
Adam Lapierre, MW  
Bob Foster

## Best of Show

White – Pebblestone Cellars 2015 Viognier – \$22  
Winemaker – Bryan Wilson

Red – Plaisance Ranch 2013 Syrah – \$30  
Winemaker – Joe Ginet

Other\* - Cuckoo's Nest Cellars 2015 *Fizzé*, Early Muscat – \$15  
Winemaker – Bryan Wilson

\*Other includes the categories Rosé, Sparkling wines, White Dessert wines, and Red Dessert Wines

## Double Gold Medal

Requires unanimous gold medal scores by all three judges on a panel

Abacela 2015 Albariño –\$21

Brandborg Vineyard and Winery 2013 *Love Puppets* Pinot Noir – \$32

Edenvale 2008 Tempranillo – \$65

Ermisch Family Cellars 2014 *Erendira's Rise* Pinot Noir – \$35

Irvine Family Vineyards 2014 Pinot Noir – \$35

Plaisance Ranch 2013 Carménère – \$30

Quady North 2015 *Pistoleta* White Blend – \$20

Red Lily Vineyards 2014 *Night School* Red Dessert – \$32

Reustle-Prayer Rock Vineyards 2014 Syrah *Winemaker's Reserve* – \$39

RoxyAnn Winery 2012 Claret – \$26

Season Cellars 2015 Sauvignon Blanc – \$23

Silvan Ridge Winery 2013 Malbec – \$22

Weisinger Family Winery 2015 Chardonnay – \$32

Weisinger Family Winery 2013 Malbec – \$28

### **Gold Medal**

Abacela 2013 Garnacha – \$29

Abacela 2015 *Blanco Dulce* White Dessert – \$30

Belle Fiore Winery 2013 *Belle Esprit* Teroldego – \$38

Cat Man Cellars 2014 Tempranillo – \$26

Cuckoo's Nest Cellars 2015 Aromatique White Blend – \$15

Cuckoo's Nest Cellars 2013 *Two Birds* Red Blend – \$15

Daisy Creek Vineyard 2013 Malbec – \$30

Deer Creek Vineyards 2014 Pinot Noir – \$19

Del Rio 2013 Syrah – \$35

Eliana Wines 2013 Tempranillo – \$26

Foris Vineyards 2014 Cedar Ranch Pinot Noir – \$35

Grizzly Peak Winery 2014 Viognier – \$22

Halliday Hill Vineyard 2014 Pinot Noir – \$45

Hellgate Cellars 2014 Syrah – \$35

Hellgate Cellars 2014 *Hellgate Red* Red Blend – \$19

Marchesi Vineyards 2014 *Solimano* Red Blend – \$34

Pebblestone Cellars 2012 Cabernet Franc – \$25

Pebblestone Cellars 2012 Tempranillo – \$30

Plaisance Ranch 2013 Mondeusé – \$30

Quady North 2013 *Flagship* Syrah – \$65

RoxyAnn Winery 2012 Merlot – \$26

Silvan Ridge Winery 2015 Early Muscat Semi-Sparkling – \$15

Slagle Creek Vineyards 2013 Late Harvest Gewürztraminer – \$20

Soléna Estate 2014 *Grande Cuvée* Pinot Noir – \$28

Tesoaria Vineyard & Winery 2015 Vermentino *Secco* – \$27

Triple Oak Vineyard 2014 *Red Oak* Red Blend – \$19

Troon Vineyard 2014 *Longue Carabine* White Blend – \$34

Troon Vineyard 2013 Malbec – \$29

### **Silver Medal**

2Hawk Vineyard & Winery 2014 Viognier – \$24

2Hawk Vineyard & Winery 2012 Tempranillo – \$29

30 Brix Winery 2015 *Pastel 13* American Muscat White Dessert – \$22

Abacela 2012 *South East Block Reserve* Tempranillo – \$49

Airlie Winery 2015 Pinot Gris – \$18

Airlie Winery 2013 Pinot Noir – \$28

Airlie Winery 2014 Maréchal Foch – \$20

Aurora Vines/Aguila Vineyard 2014 Syrah – \$28

Belle Fiore Winery 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon – \$39

Brandborg Vineyard and Winery 2015 Pinot Gris – \$16

Brigadoon Wine Co 2015 Pinot Blanc – \$18

Brigadoon Wine Co 2014 *Lylee* Pinot Noir – \$23

Brigadoon Wine Co 2014 *Taproot* Pinot Noir – \$40

Carlton Cellars 2012 *Estate* Pinot Noir – \$35

Carlton Cellars 2012 *Roads End* Pinot Noir – \$45

Cliff Creek Cellars 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon – \$27

Cliff Creek Cellars 2011 Merlot – \$22

Cliff Creek Cellars 2011 *Super Tuscan* Red Blend – \$30

Daisy Creek Vineyard 2015 Roussanne – \$24

Daisy Creek Vineyard 2014 Syrah – \$30

DANCIN Vineyards 2013 *Tribute* Red Blend – \$36

Deer Creek Vineyards 2015 Pinot Gris – \$14

Del Rio 2014 Viognier – \$20

Del Rio 2013 Malbec – \$32

Devitt Winery 2014 Viognier – \$22

Dragonfly Time 2013 Tempranillo – \$26

Foris Vineyards 2015 Pinot Blanc – \$14

Foris Vineyards 2015 Pinot Gris – \$14

Foris Vineyards 2014 Pinot Noir – \$20

Girardet 2014 Pinot Gris – \$15

Girardet 2014 Riesling – \$15

God King Slave Wines 2012 *The Initiative* Red Blend – \$28

Grizzly Peak Winery 2013 Malbec – \$35

Guzzo Family Vineyard 2013 Tempranillo – \$28

Guzzo Family Vineyard 2014 *LoCo Red* Red Blend – \$26

Halliday Hill Vineyard 2013 Pinot Noir – \$45

Harry & David 2014 Pinot Noir *Reserve* – \$30

Hellgate Cellars 2014 Chardonnay *Reserve* – \$26

Irvine Family Vineyards 2015 Pinot Noir Rosé – \$25

Jaxon Vineyards 2013 Grenache – \$30

Jaxon Vineyards 2013 *Forté* Red Blend – \$28

King Estate Winery 2015 Pinot Gris – \$19

King Estate Winery 2015 *Domaine* Pinot Gris – \$29

King Estate Winery 2013 *Domaine* Pinot Noir – \$70

King Estate Winery 2014 Pinot Noir – \$28

Kriselle Cellars 2015 Sauvignon Blanc – \$23

Kriselle Cellars 2013 Tempranillo – \$34

La Chouette Vineyard 2014 Pinot Noir – \$25

Ledger David 2013 Cabernet Franc – \$29

Ledger David 2013 Tempranillo – \$35

Ledger David 2013 *Sublimus* Red Blend – \$42

Misty Oaks Vineyard 2013 *Stuckagain Heights* Pinot Noir – \$34

Oak Knoll Winery 2015 White Pinot Noir – \$24

Oak Knoll Winery 2012 *Tuenge Vineyard* Pinot Noir – \$26

Plaisance Ranch 2012 Merlot – \$25

Plum Hill Vineyards 2012 Pinot Noir – \$20

Plum Hill Vineyards Non-Vintage *Red Velvet 351* Red Dessert – \$28

Quady North 2012 *Mae's Vineyard* Cabernet Franc – \$39

Quady North 2015 Rosé – \$16

Red Lily Vineyards 2013 *Red Blanket* Tempranillo – \$22

Reustle-Prayer Rock Vineyards 2014 Pinot Noir *Winemaker's Reserve* – \$39

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RoxyAnn Winery 2014 Viognier – \$20

RoxyAnn Winery 2014 Pinot Noir – \$34

Schmidt Family Vineyards 2015 Albariño – \$40

Schmidt Family Vineyards 2013 Tempranillo – \$36

Schultz Wines 2012 *Mission* Viognier – \$17

Season Cellars 2015 Viognier – \$23

Season Cellars 2013 Malbec – \$30



Season Cellars 2013 *Phoenix* Red Blend – \$36

Serra Vineyards 2012 Syrah – \$50

Simple Machine 2013 *Leverage* White Blend – \$20

Simple Machine 2012 Grenache – \$30

Slagle Creek Vineyards 2012 Syrah – \$20

Slagle Creek Vineyards 2014 Zinfandel – \$20

Soléna Estate 2014 *Domaine Danielle Laurent* Pinot Noir – \$55

South Stage Cellars 2014 Gewürztraminer – \$17

South Stage Cellars 2014 Pinot Blanc – \$24

South Stage Cellars 2012 Carménère – \$28

Stone Griffon Vineyard 2012 *Carol Jean Estate* Pinot Noir – \$34

Stone Griffon Vineyard 2013 *Estate Reserve* Tempranillo – \$48

Tesoaria Vineyard & Winery 2015 Sauvignon Blanc – \$35

Tesoaria Vineyard & Winery 2014 Dolcetto – \$25

Troon Vineyard 2014 Vermentino – \$24

Upper Five Vineyard 2015 Rosé of Grenache – \$16

Weisinger Family Winery 2013 *Estate* Tempranillo – \$32

Willamette Valley Vineyards 2012 *Elton* Pinot Noir – \$55

Willamette Valley Vineyards 2012 *Griffin Creek Griffin* Red Blend – \$60