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Chankaska Creek Winery of Kasota, MN, and Lincoln Peak Vineyard of New Haven, VT, Win Top Awards At The 8th Annual International Cold Climate Wine Competition

Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., (8/18/2016) – After much swishing and spitting, winners have been confirmed at the 2016 International Cold Climate Wine Competition (ICWC), held today at the University of Minnesota's Continuing Education Conference Center in St. Paul, MN. The trophy for the best Minnesota grape wine, known as the Minnesota Governor's Cup, was won by Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery of Kasota, MN, for their single varietal 2015 La Crescent. The Minnesota Governor's Cup, a lovely large silver ice bucket, recognizes the "Best of Show" or top prize of all Minnesota gold-winning wines. This is the 8th year the traveling trophy has been awarded. A new award for 2016, "Winery of the Year," was given to the winery with the best overall showing at the competition, Lincoln Peak Vineyard of New Haven, VT. Lincoln Peak also took Best of Show or top prize in the Specialty/Fortified Wine category with their 2014 late harvest dessert wine "Firelight," a blend of La Crescent and Frontenac Gris.

Winehaven Winery and Vineyard of Chisago City, MN, took Best of Show in the red wine category for their 2014 Marquette Reserve. The Best of Show award for rosé wines was won for the second year in a row by Shelburne Vineyard of Shelburne, VT, for their 2015 "Whimsey Meadow Rosé," a Marquette-based blend from cold-climate grapes. The Best of Show award for white wines was won by Two Rivers Vineyard & Winery of Ramsey, MN, for their Frontenac Gris.

This year's competition included 354 wines from 64 commercial wineries in 13 states and Canada. Awards were based on blind tastings by 20 expert judges, who include enologists, wine writers, restaurateurs, retailers, and wine educators. Three-judge panels determined the initial medals, with the top-scoring Best of Show wines evaluated by five-judge panels and all 20 judges determined the Minnesota Governor's Cup award.

The ICWC is a partnership between the Minnesota Grape Growers Association and the University of Minnesota, which developed several of the cold-hardy grapes used to make the wines in the competition. This competition is the only one exclusively dedicated to wines made from cold-hardy grape varieties that can withstand the winters known to the Upper Midwest, North East, and parts of Canada. The main goals of the ICWC are to educate the world about these grape varieties and encourage enology practices that will produce high quality and highly marketable wines. The competition is coordinated by Gordon Rouse, AWS Certified Judge, of the Minnesota Grape Growers Association (MGGA), Gary Gardner, Professor of Horticultural Science in the University's College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, Matt Clark, Assistant Professor of Grape Breeding and Enology in the Department of Horticultural Science, and Aaron Berdofe and Jay Growkowsky, Members of the MGGA's Board of Directors. Sponsors include the BSG Wine, Double A Vineyards, Clements Lumber of Morgan, MN, the law firm of Winthrop & Weinstine of Minneapolis, MN, and the accounting firm of Baumann Associates.

The competition is open to commercial wineries meeting the criteria for cold-hardy grape and fruit content. In 2016 a total of 17 Double Gold, 36 Gold, 116 Silver, and 82 Bronze medals were awarded. In

addition, “Best of Show” designations were awarded to wines rated as the finest in the available categories. Medal winners and competition judges are listed below.

The Less Familiar Grape Names of Cold Climate Regions.

The grape varieties that most wine drinkers are familiar with: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, and the like grow wonderfully under a multitude of conditions as long as the winters do not get too cold. Despite the fact that the Twin Cities are at approximately the same line of latitude as Bordeaux [44.9° to 44.8° respectively], famous wine regions like Bordeaux do not have winters with temperatures that consistently sit below 0° F. At these temperatures, the vines of European varieties would perish. Native American grape varieties found in the northern states do survive our winters though. Therefore, instead of spending thousands of years breeding our native grapes to create ones that produce wines we enjoy as was done with the European varieties, we are cross-breeding the native varieties with the European ones to produce grapes that not only survive the winters, but taste good as well. The names of these hybrids are what you will find on the wine labels in Minnesota and numerous other cold climate regions.

History

Grape growing and winemaking has been a part of just about every state’s history starting when European settlers began arriving. In the northern states though, European grape varieties never fared well. It wasn’t until the 1970s that successes from notable Wisconsin grape breeder, Elmer Swenson and the University of Minnesota showed that cold climate grape growing and winemaking could be a viable industry. In 1976 the MN Grape Growers Association was formed. Two years later, the first vineyard exclusively growing cold hardy grapes was established. The Minnesota Legislature soon recognized this potential and in 1985, they directed the University of Minnesota specifically to research grape growing and wine production in cold climates. In 1996, the University released Frontenac, its first truly cold-hardy grape variety which has since been followed by numerous others including La Crescent, Frontenac Gris, Marquette, and, earlier this year, Itasca. Over the years, the University of Minnesota has been recognized as having one of the top wine grape research programs in the United States. The contribution to the economy of the industry was estimated at \$59 million in 2011 and has continued to grow (even through cold winters) ever since.

There are currently over 70 registered wine producers and blenders in the state of Minnesota. The number of wine producers in the state has nearly doubled in recent years and is expected to continue to grow.

Winery of the Year

Lincoln Peak Vineyard – New Haven, VT

Best of Show Wines

Red Winehaven - Chisago City, MN - 2014 Marquette

White Two Rivers – Ramsey, MN - Frontenac Gris

Rose Shelburne Vineyard – Shelburne, VT - Whimsey Meadow Rosé

Specialty Lincoln Peak Vineyard – New Haven, VT - 2014 Firelight

Governor's Cup Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery – Kasota, MN - 2015 La Crescent

Medal Winners

Double Gold

Winery	Wine Vintage	Wine Name	City	State/Prov
Carlos Creek Winery	2013	Petite Pearl	Alexandria	MN
Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	2015	Kasota Rose	Kasota	MN
Coyote Moon Vineyards	2012	Frontenac	Clayton	NY
Feather River Vineyards	2015	Ambiance	North Platte	NE
Grovedale Winery	2014	North Branch	Wyalusing	PA
Illinois Sparkling Co.	2013	Brut	Peru	IL
Illinois Sparkling Co.	2013	Stereo	Peru	IL
Leigh's Garden Winery, Inc	2015	Frontenac	Escanaba	MI
Lincoln Peak Vineyard	2014	Limestone	New Haven	VT
Lincoln Peak Vineyard	2014	Firelight	New Haven	VT
North Branch Vineyards	2015	Frontenac	Montpelier	VT
North Branch Vineyards	2015	Miss Maeve	Montpelier	VT
Shelburne Vineyard	2015	La Crescent	Shelburne	VT
Shelburne Vineyard	2015	Whimsey Meadow Rose	Shelburne	VT
White Winter Winery	NV	Eiszider	Iron River	WI
Winehaven Winery	2014	Marquette Reserve	Chisago City	MN
Winehaven Winery	NV	Strawberry-Rhubarb Wine	Chisago City	MN

Gold

Winery	Wine Vintage	Wine Name	City	State/Prov
Cannon River Winery	2014	Family Reserve Red	Cannon Falls	MN
Carlos Creek Winery	2015	Frontenac Blanc	Alexandria	MN
Cellar 426 Winery	2015	Blue Jay Edelweiss	Ashland	NE
Cellar 426 Winery	2015	Sweet 'n Sexy	Ashland	NE
Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	2015	La Crescent	Kasota	MN
Coyote Moon Vineyards	2015	Twisted Sister	Clayton	NY
Crow River Winery	NV	Red Porch	Hutchinson	MN
Dancing Dragonfly Winery	2012	Christine's Twist	St. Croix Falls	WI
Danzinger Vineyards	2015	Danzinger Red	Alma	WI
Danzinger Vineyards	2015	Danzinger White	Alma	WI
Danzinger Vineyards	2015	Waumandee White	Alma	WI
Door 44 Winery	NV	Cellar Door	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Elmaro Vineyard	2015	Elmaro Delicious	Trempealeau	WI
Feather River Vineyards	2015	Red Neck Blush	North Platte	NE
Four Daughters Vineyard and Winery	2014	Frontenac Gris	Spring Valley	MN
Grape Mill Vineyard and Winery	NV	Brianna	East Grand	MN

Grovedale Winery	2013	Heritage	Forks	
InnSpiration Vines & Wines	2014	Apple Razz	Wyalusing	PA
Lincoln Peak Vineyard	2015	Black Sparrow	Linn Grove	IA
Lincoln Peak Vineyard	2014	Cassis	New Haven	VT
Lincoln Peak Vineyard	2014	Marquette	New Haven	VT
Millner Heritage Vineyard & Winery	2013	Draga	New Haven	VT
North Folk Winery	2015	La Crescent Wine	Dassel	MN
Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	NV	Drink Pink	Harris	MN
Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	NV	La Crescent Moscato	Kewaunee	WI
Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	NV	Glacier Fume	Kewaunee	WI
Parley Lake Winery	NV	Brianna Breeze	Waconia	MN
Parley Lake Winery	2015	Frontenac Gris	Waconia	MN
Saint Croix Vineyards	2015	La Crescent	Stillwater	MN
Savage Oakes Vineyard and Winery	2012	Nor'Easter	Union	ME
Tassel Ridge Winery	NV	Candleglow Red	Leighton	IA
Tug Hill Vineyards	2015	Prairie Star	Lowville	NY
Two Rivers Vineyard & Winery	NV	Frontenac Gris	Ramsey	MN
Two Rivers Vineyard & Winery	NV	Raspberry Wine	Ramsey	MN
Wild Mountain Winery, Inc.	2013	Arrowhead Red	Taylors Falls	MN
Winehaven Winery	2015	Edelweiss	Chisago City	MN

Silver

Winery	Wine Vintage	Wine Name	City	State/Prov
Cannon River Winery	2015	Minnesota Marquette	Cannon Falls	MN
Cannon River Winery	2015	Minnesota St. Pepin	Cannon Falls	MN
Cannon River Winery	2014	Family Reserve White	Cannon Falls	MN
Cannon River Winery	2015	Sparkle Edelweiss	Cannon Falls	MN
Carlos Creek Winery	NV	Vintner's Blend	Alexandria	MN
Carlos Creek Winery	2015	Apple	Alexandria	MN
Carlos Creek Winery	2014	Frontenac	Alexandria	MN
Carlos Creek Winery	2015	Frontenac Rose	Alexandria	MN
Carlos Creek Winery	2015	Apple Blueberry	Alexandria	MN
Carlos Creek Winery	2015	Apple Hopper	Alexandria	MN
Casa Breton Inc.	2013	Bleu d'Aout	St-Henri	QC
Casa Breton Inc.	2015	Le Leger	St-Henri	QC
Casa Breton Inc.	2015	Le Celeste	St-Henri	QC
Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	2015	Frontenac	Kasota	MN
Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	2015	Marquette	Kasota	MN
Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	2015	Petite Colline	Kasota	MN
Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	NV	Coeur de Colline	Kasota	MN
Chateau St. Croix Winery	NV	Chateau Rose	Saint Croix Falls	WI
Chateau St. Croix Winery	2015	Wisconsin White	Saint Croix Falls	WI

Chateau St. Croix Winery	NV	Marco V Vintage	Saint Croix Falls	WI
Cold Country Vines & Wines, LLC	2014	Pearl	Kewaune	WI
Crow River Winery	NV	Edelweiss	Hutchinson	MN
Crow River Winery	NV	Township	Hutchinson	MN
Dancing Dragonfly Winery	2015	Lindy	St. Croix Falls	WI
Dancing Dragonfly Winery	2015	Christine's Foxtrot	St. Croix Falls	WI
Dancing Dragonfly Winery	2015	Promenade	St. Croix Falls	WI
Dancing Dragonfly Winery	2015	Charleston	St. Croix Falls	WI
Danzinger Vineyards	2015	Sweet Alma Red	Alma	WI
Door 44 Winery	NV	Red Door	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Door 44 Winery	NV	M	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Door 44 Winery	NV	Sparkler	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Door 44 Winery	NV	Bubbler	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Duck Creek Vineyard and Winery	2015	Marquette	Denmark	WI
Duck Creek Vineyard and Winery	2015	Edelweiss	Denmark	WI
Elmaro Vineyard	2015	Tra La La	Trempealeau	WI
Elmaro Vineyard	2015	The Fire of 1888	Trempealeau	WI
Falconer Vineyards	2015	FV Frontenac Rose	Red Wing	MN
Falconer Vineyards	2014	Hunters Red	Red Wing	MN
Falconer Vineyards	2015	Snowy White	Red Wing	MN
Four Daughters Vineyard and Winery	2014	La Crescent	Spring Valley	MN
Four Daughters Vineyard and Winery	2014	Marquette	Spring Valley	MN
Four Daughters Vineyard and Winery	2014	Chad's Folly	Spring Valley	MN
Galena Cellars	NV	Eric the Red	Galena	IL
Galena Cellars	2015	Marquette	Galena	IL
Grovedale Winery	2014	Marquette	Wyalusing	PA
Illinois Sparkling Co.	2013	Dollface Rose	Peru	IL
Indian Island Winery	2012	Napin-Nagi	Janesville	MN
Indian Island Winery	2015	Island Smoke	Janesville	MN
Indian Island Winery	2015	Maiden Blush	Janesville	MN
Indian Island Winery	2015	St. Croix	Janesville	MN
InnSpiration Vines & Wines	2015	Last Dance	Linn Grove	IA
Lake Pepin Winery	2015	Frontenac	Lake City	MN
Leigh's Garden Winery, Inc	2014	Marechal Foch	Escanaba	MI
Leigh's Garden Winery, Inc	2015	Old Escanaba	Escanaba	MI
Lincoln Peak Vineyard	2015	Sycamore	New Haven	VT
Lincoln Peak Vineyard	2015	Ragtime White	New Haven	VT
Lincoln Peak Vineyard	2015	Marquette	New Haven	VT
Mackinaw Valley Vineyard, Ltd.	2015	Edelweiss	Mackinaw	IL
Miletta Vista Winery	2014	Legacy	St. Paul	NE
Millner Heritage Vineyard & Winery	2013	Rona	Dassel	MN
Millner Heritage Vineyard & Winery	2015	Minnesota Crisp	Dassel	MN
North Branch Vineyards	2015	La Crescent	Montpelier	VT

North Folk Winery	2013	Marquette Wine	Harris	MN
Northern Flow Vineyards	NV	Marechal Foch	Clayton	NY
Northern Flow Vineyards	NV	Marquette	Clayton	NY
Northern Hollow Winery	2015	Edelweiss	Grasston	MN
Northern Hollow Winery	2015	Viking	Grasston	MN
Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	NV	Icewine	Kewaunee	WI
Parley Lake Winery	2015	Barn Quilt Red	Waconia	MN
Parley Lake Winery	2015	Marquette	Waconia	MN
Parley Lake Winery	2012	Frontenac Dessert Wine	Waconia	MN
Parley Lake Winery	2012	Frontenac Limited Edition	Waconia	MN
Prairie State Winery	2015	Racey	Genoa	IL
Round Lake Vineyards & Winery	2015	2015 St. Pepin	Round Lake	MN
Round Lake Vineyards & Winery	2015	2015 Brianna	Round Lake	MN
Round Lake Vineyards & Winery	2014	2014 Marquette Reserve	Round Lake	MN
Savage Oakes Vineyard and Winery	2014	Barn Red	Union	ME
Schram Vineyards	2014	Coop de Blanc	Waconia	MN
Schram Vineyards	2015	Blossom	Waconia	MN
Schram Vineyards	2015	Blush	Waconia	MN
Shelburne Vineyard	2014	Marquette Reserve	Shelburne	VT
Shelburne Vineyard	2014	Single Barrel Marquette	Shelburne	VT
Shelburne Vineyard	2015	Louise Swenson	Shelburne	VT
Shelburne Vineyard	2015	Celestial Louise	Shelburne	VT
Shelburne Vineyard	2015	Wild Louise	Shelburne	VT
Sovereign Estate Wine	2015	La Crescent	Waconia	MN
Sovereign Estate Wine	2015	Reserve Marquette	Waconia	MN
Summerset Winery	2013	Iowa Frontenac	Indianola	IA
Summerset Winery	2015	Edelweiss	Indianola	IA
Summerset Winery	2015	Iowa Swenson Red	Indianola	IA
Table Mountain Vineyards, LLC	2014	Wyoming Gold	Huntley	WY
Tassel Ridge Winery	NV	Candleglow White	Leighton	IA
The Cape Winery	NV	Frontenac Rose	Cape Vincent	NY
The Champlain Wine Company	2013	Marquette	Plattsburgh	NY
The Winery at Kirkwood	2015	Master's Cuvee	Cedar Rapids	IA
The Winery at Kirkwood	2015	Master's Cuvee Blanc	Cedar Rapids	IA
The Winery at Kirkwood	2015	Foch Dessert Wine	Cedar Rapids	IA
Tongue River Winery	2015	Warm Front	Miles City	MT
Tongue River Winery	2015	Marquette	Miles City	MT
Tug Hill Vineyards	2014	Cuvee Rose	Lowville	NY
Tug Hill Vineyards	2015	La Crescent	Lowville	NY
Tug Hill Vineyards	NV	White Out	Lowville	NY
Two Rivers Vineyard & Winery	NV	High Pines	Ramsey	MN
Villa Bellezza Winery and Vineyards	2014	Tavola White	Pepin	WI
Villa Bellezza Winery and Vineyards	2015	Dolce White	Pepin	WI
Villa Bellezza Winery and Vineyards	2015	La Crescent	Pepin	WI
Villa Bellezza Winery and Vineyards	2015	St. Pepin	Pepin	WI
Villa Bellezza Winery and Vineyards	2012	Terra Reserve	Pepin	WI

Vines & Rushes Winery	2015	Marquette	Ripon	WI
Vines & Rushes Winery	2015	Brianna	Ripon	WI
Wild Mountain Winery, Inc.	2015	La Crescent	Taylor's Falls	MN
Wild Mountain Winery, Inc.	2015	Frontenac Rose	Taylor's Falls	MN
Winehaven Winery	2015	La Crescent	Chisago City	MN
Winehaven Winery	NV	Deer Garden Blush	Chisago City	MN
Wolf Creek Winery	NV	Wolf Creek Frontenac	Coleharbor	ND
Wollersheim Winery	2015	Eagle White	Prairie du Sac	WI

Bronze

Winery	Wine Vintage	Wine Name	City	State/Province
Carlos Creek Winery	2015	Petite Amie	Alexandria	MN
Carlos Creek Winery	2015	Harvest White	Alexandria	MN
Carlos Creek Winery	2015	Apple Cranberry	Alexandria	MN
Casa Breton Inc.	2014	Le Blanc de Pommes	St-Henri	QC
Cellar 426 Winery	2014	Big Bold Red	Ashland	NE
Cellar 426 Winery	2015	Linoma Lighthouse	Ashland	NE
Chateau St. Croix Winery	NV	Helga's Red	Saint Croix Falls	WI
Coyote Moon Vineyards	2013	Perpetua	Clayton	NY
Coyote Moon Vineyards	2014	Dry La Crescent	Clayton	NY
Cracked Barrel Winery	2015	Scion	Hudson	WI
Crow River Winery	NV	Apiary	Hutchinson	MN
Dancing Dragonfly Winery	2014	Christine's CanCan	St. Croix Falls	WI
Dancing Dragonfly Winery	2014	Sashay	St. Croix Falls	WI
Danzinger Vineyards	2015	Marquette	Alma	WI
Danzinger Vineyards	2015	Golden Sunrise	Alma	WI
Danzinger Vineyards	2015	River Paradise	Alma	WI
Danzinger Vineyards	2015	Late Harvest St. Pepin	Alma	WI
Door 44 Winery	NV	Pink Door	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Duck Creek Vineyard and Winery	2015	Root Beer Mead	Denmark	WI
Flower Valley Vineyard	2015	La Crescent	Red Wing	MN
Flower Valley Vineyard	2015	Cranberry	Red Wing	MN
Fox Valley Winery	NV	Brianna	Oswego	IL
Fresh Tracks Farm Vineyard & Winery	2012	La Crescent	Berlin	VT
Fresh Tracks Farm Vineyard & Winery	2014	Frontenac Gris	Berlin	VT
Grape Mill Vineyard and Winery	NV	Frontenac Gris	East Grand Forks	MN
Grovedale Winery	2013	Marquette	Wyalusing	PA
Grovedale Winery	2014	Desert Rose	Wyalusing	PA
Indian Island Winery	2013	Dancing Spirit	Janesville	MN
Indian Island Winery	2013	St. Pepin	Janesville	MN
Indian Island Winery	2015	Frontenac Rose	Janesville	MN

InnSpiration Vines & Wines	2015	Frontenac	Linn Grove	IA
Lake Pepin Winery	2015	Belles' Bree	Lake City	MN
Leigh's Garden Winery, Inc	2015	Marquette	Escanaba	MI
Leigh's Garden Winery, Inc	2015	Backyard Apple	Escanaba	MI
Lincoln Peak Vineyard	2015	Starlight	New Haven	VT
Lincoln Peak Vineyard	2015	La Crescent	New Haven	VT
Miletta Vista Winery	2015	Vacation	St. Paul	NE
Miletta Vista Winery	2015	Edelweiss	St. Paul	NE
Millner Heritage Vineyard & Winery	2015	Neuhaus	Dassel	MN
Millner Heritage Vineyard & Winery	2015	Sechs	Dassel	MN
Millner Heritage Vineyard & Winery	2015	Mein Onkel	Dassel	MN
Millner Heritage Vineyard & Winery	2015	What The Foch	Dassel	MN
Millner Heritage Vineyard & Winery	2015	Gemutlichkeit	Dassel	MN
North Folk Winery	2014	Two Springers Blackberry Dessert Wine	Harris	MN
North Folk Winery	2014	Blackberry Wine	Harris	MN
North Folk Winery	2014	Strawberry Wine	Harris	MN
Northern Hollow Winery	2015	Brianna	Grasston	MN
Northern Hollow Winery	2015	Rhubarb-Razzberry	Grasston	MN
Northern Hollow Winery	2015	Razzberry	Grasston	MN
Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	NV	Vintners Reserve	Kewaunee	WI
Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	NV	La Crescent	Kewaunee	WI
Parley Lake Winery	2015	Frontenac Blanc	Waconia	MN
Prairie State Winery	2015	Marquette	Genoa	IL
Saint Croix Vineyards	2013	Marquette	Stillwater	MN
Shelburne Vineyard	2015	Harvest Widow's Revenge	Shelburne	VT
Sovereign Estate Wine	2015	Frontenac Blanc	Waconia	MN
Sovereign Estate Wine	2015	Frontenac Gris	Waconia	MN
Sovereign Estate Wine	2015	Signature Marquette	Waconia	MN
Sovereign Estate Wine	2015	Frontenac Rose	Waconia	MN
Tassel Ridge Winery	2013	Iowa Marquette	Leighton	IA
Tassel Ridge Winery	NV	Iowa Cuvee 220	Leighton	IA
Ten Spoon Vineyard + Winery	NV	Flathead Cherry Dry	Missoula	MT
The Cape Winery	NV	La Crescent	Cape Vincent	NY
The Winery at Kirkwood	2015	Edelweiss	Cedar Rapids	IA
The Winery at Kirkwood	2015	La Madeleiina	Cedar Rapids	IA
The Winery at Kirkwood	2015	Aronia Berry Dessert Wine	Cedar Rapids	IA
Three Oak Wines	2015	Frontenac Gris	Albert Lea	MN
Three Oak Wines	2014	Marquette Reserve	Albert Lea	MN
Tug Hill Vineyards	2013	Marquette	Lowville	NY
Tug Hill Vineyards	2014	Marquette	Lowville	NY
Tug Hill Vineyards	2015	Marquette	Lowville	NY
Tug Hill Vineyards	2015	Marquette Rose	Lowville	NY
Tug Hill Vineyards	2015	Black Ice	Lowville	NY
Two Rivers Vineyard & Winery	NV	North Shore Red	Ramsey	MN
Two Rivers Vineyard & Winery	NV	Granny's Favorite	Ramsey	MN

Two Rivers Vineyard & Winery	NV	Rhubarb Wine	Ramsey	MN
Two Rivers Vineyard & Winery	NV	Marquette	Ramsey	MN
Villa Bellezza Winery and Vineyards	NV	Fortaleza	Pepin	WI
White Winter Winery	NV	Bois Brule Hopped Cider	Iron River	WI
White Winter Winery	NV	Oakwood Hard Cider	Iron River	WI
Wild Mountain Winery, Inc.	2015	Mountain Sweet White	Taylors Falls	MN
Wild Mountain Winery, Inc.	2013	Wild River Red	Taylors Falls	MN

2016 Competition Judges

- David J. Anderson Partner Emeritus, France 44 Wines & Spirits
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