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# Raising the Gold Standard: Trump Winery triumphs at San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

Charlottesville, VA – March 4, 2025: Trump Winery is proud to announce its outstanding performance at the 2024 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, one of the largest and most prestigious wine competitions in North America. This year's results further cement Trump Winery's reputation for crafting world-class wines, with multiple Gold Medals and a coveted Best-of-Class honor.

Leading the awards, the 2022 Trump Winery Chardonnay was named Best-of-Class, a recognition reserved for the top rated wine in the category. In addition, 2022 Meritage, 2022 New World Reserve, and 2023 Sauvignon Blanc each earned Gold Medals. The competition also recognized four additional wines with Silver Medals.

"Winning Best of Class and multiple Gold Medals at the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition is a tremendous honor," said Jonathan Wheeler, Winemaker at Trump Winery. "It reflects our team's dedication to producing wines that showcase the character and richness of our estate. From vineyard to bottle, every decision we make is focused on quality, and we are thrilled to see our hard work recognized on such a prestigious stage."

### Award-Winning Wines

## 2022 Chardonnay Reserve, Best-of-Class

This Best-of-Class Chardonnay Reserve stands out for its rich, creamy texture and perfect balance of freshness and depth. Aged in French oak for 18 months, it delivers vibrant flavors of lemon, baked apple, vanilla, and butterscotch. Its smooth mouthfeel and refined acidity make it both elegant and easy to enjoy, earning it top honors as a truly exceptional Chardonnay.

#### 2022 New World Reserve, Gold Medal

The signature red wine of Trump Winery, the New World Reserve is a bold, full bodied blend made from Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Malbec. Aged in French oak for 20 months, it has rich flavors of black cherry, cassis, vanilla, and toasted oak, with smooth tannins and a long finish. This wine is structured yet approachable, and while delicious now, it will continue to evolve beautifully over time.

#### 2022 Meritage, Gold Medal

The 2022 Meritage is a smooth, medium-bodied red blend made from Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec. Aged in French oak for 18 months, it offers rich flavors of black cherry, current and blackberry, with hinds of cocoa and spice. Soft tannins make it easy to enjoy now, while its balanced structure allows it to age well.

### 2023 Sauvignon Blanc - Gold Medal

This small production Sauvignon Blanc is crisp, fresh, and vibrant. Fermented and aged in stainless steel, it preserves the wine's bright fruit flavors and crisp acidity while maintaining the grape's natural characteristics. It features bright aromas of grapefruit, melon, and passion fruit, with a hint of fresh herbs. A great choice for those who enjoy a lively and refreshing white wine.

The San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition attracts thousands of entries from wineries across the country, making these accolades a significant achievement. As Virginia's largest estate vineyard, Trump Winery continues to set the gold standard in winemaking, producing wines that consistently earn top honors.

# About Trump Winery®

Trump Winery is dedicated to producing high-quality, estate-grown wines in the heart of Virginia's wine country. With over 1,300 acres of breathtaking landscape, including 227 acres of vines, the winery benefits from ideal growing conditions and a commitment to sustainable farming practices. Trump Winery has received numerous gold medals, best-in-class designations, and 90+ point ratings from top wine publications, solidifying its position as a leader in American winemaking.

Wine enthusiasts are invited to visit the Trump Winery Tasting Room or explore the award-winning collection online. Experience firsthand the wines that are setting new benchmarks for quality and distinction.

For more information, visit <u>trumpwinery.com</u> or connect with us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>X</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

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