

PRESS RELEASE

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The Orange County Wine Society in cooperation with the OC Fair, is pleased to announce the winners of the 2021 OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition. The 45th annual competition received 2,448 entries this year. In addition to the 20 Best of Class medals, the competition also awarded 93 Double Gold medals and 459 Gold medals.

BEST OF CLASS WINNERS

Best of Class – Red Varietals

Premium – 99 Points Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery, 2019 Mourvedre High – 96 Points Pennyroyal Farm, 2018 Pinot Noir Medium – 97 Points Macchia, 2019 Zinfandel old vine Low – 95 Points McManis Family Vineyards, 2019 Petite Sirah Best of Class – White Varietals Premium – 96 Points Napa de Oro, 2018 Chardonnay Non ML+ 100% Barrel Fermented High – 97 Points Marin's Vineyard, 2020 Viognier Medium – 96 Points Sobon Estate, 2020 Viognier Low – 95 Points

Twisted Cedar, 2018 Chardonnay California

Best of Class – Rosé Wines

Premium – 94 Points

Cass Winery, 2020 Rose of Mourvedre, 57% Mourvedre; 43% Grenache; "Oasis" Estate **High – 93 Points**

Brander Vineyard, 2020 Rose of Merlot, 54% Merlot, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Syrah

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Medium – 94 Points Fontaine, 2020 Rosé of Pinot Noir Low – 90 Points Six Degrees, 2018 Rosé of Pinot Noir

Best of Class – Dessert Wines

Premium – 98 Points

Galleano Winery, NV Mission Old Vine

High – 97 Points

Husch, 2017 Gewurztraminer Dry, Late Harvest

Medium – 94 Points

Carol Shelton Wines, 2019 Zinfandel Late Harvest

Low – 94 Points

Ironstone Vineyards, 2019 Symphony 85% Symphony, 10% Orange Muscat, 5% Viognier, Obsession

Best of Class – Sparkling Wines

Premium – 90 Points

Hungry Hawk Vineyards, 2019 Sparkling Wine 100% Albariño, "Saxy Sparkles"

High – 93 Points

R&B Cellars, NV Sparkling Blanc de Blancs 100% Chardonnay

Medium – 90 Points

Weibel Family Vineyards & Winery, NV Sparkling Wine, Weibel Gran Cuvee

Low – 95 Points

Barefoot Bubbly, NV Sparkling Wine Brut Cuvee

The OC Wine Society has been hosting this competition for over four decades. The competition arose as a result of the prevalence of Orange County in the wine purchasing market and the founding of the Orange County Wine Society, which boasts over 1,100 members. The competition is unique because of its double-blind judging by winery owners and wine makers. The competition charges no entry fee, making it accessible to all wineries, seasoned and newcomers, large and small.

Wine entries from the OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition can be enjoyed during the OC Fair at the Wine Courtyard, which is hosted by the Orange County Wine Society. This year's OC Fair "Time For Fun" runs from July 16th through August 15th, Wednesday through Sunday.

All medal winners from the 2021 OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition can be viewed at **winecompetition.com**.

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