

## PRESS RELEASE

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Orange County Wine Society (OCWS), in partnership with the OC Fair, is pleased to announce the winners of the 2024 OC Fair Home Wine Competition. The 48<sup>th</sup> annual competition received 521 entries this year from all over California and awarded 5 Best of Show, 120 Double Gold medals and 54 Gold medals, in addition to other medals.

Join us in congratulating all the medal winners, and most importantly, the Best of Show Winners listed below.

### **BEST OF SHOW WINNERS**

#### Red

**Don Sower, 2018, Cabernet Sauvignon** (Pine Mountain Vineyard, Cloverdale Park AVA, Sonoma) – Newport Beach, CA

#### White

Adam Gomolin, 2023, Chardonnay (100% Chardonnay from Contra Costa County) - Oakland, CA

#### **Dessert**

Thad Rogers, 2022, Port (Merlot) – Auburn, CA

#### Fruit

Rochelle Randel, 2024, Estate Lemon Wine - Huntington Beach, CA

#### Label

Chris Miller, D'Vine Path Farm & Vineyards, Cabernet Sauvignon – Fallbrook, CA

OCWS (a 501(c)3 corporation) has been hosting the OC Fair Home Wine Competition for over four decades. OCWS boasts over 1,000 wine enthusiast members who volunteer their time to present the largest competitions of California Commercial and Home Wines. In addition to running the OC Fair Commercial and Home Wine Competitions, the OCWS has donated over \$838,000 in scholarships to eight California institutions with wine-related educational programs. This wine competition is unique because of its double-blind judging.

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A complete list of the winning wines from the OC Fair Home Wine Competition can be view at <a href="https://hwcr.ocws.org">https://hwcr.ocws.org</a>. Wine Label winners are listed on the <a href="OCWS Website">OCWS Website</a>. This year's <a href="OC Fair">OC Fair</a> "Always A Good Time" runs from July 19<sup>th</sup> through August 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday through Sunday.

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