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**PLACER COUNTY WINERIES EARNED 70 MEDALS
AT SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE WINE COMPETITION**

Placer Wine Trail has 10 winning wineries awarded recognition by the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, the largest American wine competition in the world. Entries totaled 6,800 wines from 1,132 wineries in North American wine regions.

Winning wineries included Black Vette, Bonitata, Ciotti, Fawnridge, Le Casque, Lone Buffalo, Mount Saint Joseph, Mt. Vernon, Secret Ravine, and Wise Villa totaling 70 medals.

Wise Villa Winery took home 27 wins with the 2017 Barbara awarded Best in Class and a Double Gold for the 2017 Viognier and 2016 Syrah. The 2016 Cabernet Franc also earned Gold.

Double Gold winners were Fawnridge's 2017 Chardonnay, Le Casque's 2016 Syrah, Mt. Vernon's 2017 Brut Sparkling, and Secret Ravine's 2016 Merlot.

Gold Medal winners were Fawnridge's 2017 Sauvignon Blanc; Le Casque's 2015 Adrian Mourvedre; Mount Saint Joseph's 2015 Syrah and 2015 Petit Verdot; and Secret Ravine's 2017 Barbera and 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon.

The Placer Wine Trail is recognized with award winning quality wines competing with the Best of the Best in North America. Visit the wine trail this weekend to enjoy the wines and unique experiences on the Placer Wine Trail.

Congratulations to the award winning wineries on the Placer Wine Trail.

Placer Wine Trail is located among the beautiful back roads in Placer County. Placer County Vintners Association, composed of 21 winery members, was established in 2010. Their mission is to promote the wine industry in Placer County.

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