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Orange County Wine Society (OCWS), in partnership with the OC Fair, is pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition. The 46th annual competition received 2,516 entries this year. In addition to the 20 Best of Class medals (listed below), the competition also awarded 65 Double Gold medals and 605 Gold medals.

BEST OF CLASS WINNERS

Best of Class – Red Varietals

Premium Price Level

Dubost Winery, **2019 "Jacob's Ladder" Estate Syrah Blend** (\$75) 95 Points High Price Level

Wilson Family Winery, 2019 "Knotty & Twisted" Zinfandel (\$30) 97 Points Medium Price Level

Macchia, 2020 "Mischievous" Old Vine Zinfandel (\$23) 95 Points

Low Price Level

McManis Family Vineyards, 2020 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$12.99) 91 Points

Best of Class – White Varietals

Premium Price Level Schug, 2021 Sauvignon Blanc (\$28) 97 Points High Price Level Engine House, 2021 Sauvignon Blanc (\$25) 95 Points Medium Price Level Clos du Bois, 2021 Pinot Grigio (\$14.99) 95 Points Low Price Level Oak Grove, 2021 Viognier (\$8.99) 93 Points

Best of Class – Rosé Wines

Premium Price Level *Ledson,* 2021 "Counoise" Rosé (\$40) 93 Points High Price Level *Sky Valley Cellars,* 2021 Rosé Wine (100% Sangiovese) (\$30) 95 Points Medium Price Level

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Wyethia Flame, 2021 Rosé of Dolcetto (\$21) 90 Points Low Price Level Scotto Family Cellars, 2021 Reserve Dry Sangiovese Rosé (\$13.99) 90 Points

Best of Class – Dessert Wines

Premium Price Level Navarro, 2019 Late Harvest Riesling (\$39) 97 Points High Price Level Milliaire Winery, 2018 "Clockspring" Zinfandel Port (\$34) 94 Points Medium Price Level Lewis Grace, 2019 Late Harvest Cabernet Sauvignon (\$25) 93 Points Low Price Level Gibson Wine Company, NV Cream Sherry (\$12) 94 Points

Best of Class – Sparkling Wines

Premium Price Level *Ammon's Horn,* 2018 Brut Rosé (\$44) 96 Points High Price Level *Black Girl Magic,* NV Sparkling Brut (\$24.99) 92 Points Medium Price Level *Korbel,* NV Brut (\$14) 90 Points Low Price Level *Barefoot Bubbly,* NV Peach (\$9.99) 91 Points

OCWS has been hosting the OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition for over four decades. OCWS boasts approximately 1,000 wine enthusiast members who volunteer their time to present the largest competition of California only wines in the world. In addition to running the OC Fair Commercial and Home Wine Competitions, the OCWS has donated over \$740,000 in scholarships to eight California institutions with wine-related educational programs. This wine competition is unique because of its double-blind judging by commercial winery owners and winemakers. The competition also has no entry fee, making it accessible to all California wineries, 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 also hosted by the OCWS. This year's <u>OC Fair</u> "**Feel the Sunshine**" runs from July 15th through August 14th, Wednesday through Sunday.

Go to <u>WineCompetition.com</u> to view the medal winners from the 2022 OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition. This results website allows consumers to search for award-winning wines based on several search categories including varietals, award, price level, winery name, and more.

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