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Monticello Cup Winners Announced at Thursday Awards Ceremony

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The Monticello Cup Awards ceremony was held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the Jefferson Theater to celebrate the winning wines of the Monticello Cup, the competition of the 32 wineries of the Monticello American Viticultural Area (AVA). 71 wines were entered in the Monticello Cup competition, all with at least 75% fruit from the Monticello AVA and from wineries within the Monticello AVA. There were 10 gold (including the cup winner and three “best of” awards), 25 silver, and 31 bronze medals.

The Monticello Cup was presented to Trump Winery for the 2008 Sparkling Reserve. Other awards include the Top Rated Red Wine to Barboursville for their Cabernet Franc Reserve 2010; Top Rated White Wine to Michael Shaps for their Viognier 2014; and Top Rated Dessert Wine to Stinson Vineyards for their Petit Manseng 2012.

Other gold medals were awarded to: Barboursville for their Cabernet Franc Reserve 2007, Jefferson Vineyards for their Estate Reserve 2012, Keswick Vineyards for their Cabernet Franc Reserve 2013, Pollak Vineyards for their Meritage 2012 and their Viognier 2013, and White Hall Vineyards for their Soliterre 2012.

The judging was organized and coordinated by Doug Hotz of Rio Hill Gourmet, and the judges were:, Robert Jones, Master Sommelier, Kysela Pere et Fils LTD, Richard Leahy, Wine Writer, Eastern Winery Exposition, Vanessa Moore, Country Vintner, Virginia Governor’s Cup Judge, Cynthia Smith, Wine Enthusiast, Former Fine Dining Restaurant Wine Buyer, and Chad Zakaib, Former Manager Jefferson Vineyards, Wine Guild.

Erin Scala, who manages the wine lists at Fleurie Restaurant and Petit Pois Bistro on Charlottesville’s Historic Downtown Mall, introduced the Keynote Speaker of the evening *The Washington Post’s* Wine Columnist, Dave McIntyre.

“We are very pleased to be hosting the Monticello Cup Awards in concert with Red Light Management. Congratulations to Trump Winery, Michael Shaps, Stinson, and Barboursville on their awards tonight in our friendly local competition. While a friendly competition, these are important awards as the wineries on the Monticello Wine Trail have been recognized as making among the best Virginia wines. So these are some of the best wines from the top Virginia wine region. I think anyone who tastes through the wines at tonight's event will agree.” – Jeff Sanders, President of the Jefferson Grape Growers Society.

The complete list of winners follows this page.

Monticello Wine Trail
2014 Monticello Cup Wine Competition Results

Gold Medal Winners

Barboursville Vineyards	Cabernet Franc Reserve 2007
Barboursville Vineyards	Cabernet Franc Reserve 2010
Jefferson Vineyards	Estate Reserve 2012
Keswick Vineyards	Cabernet Franc Reserve 2013
Michael Shaps	Viognier 2014
Pollak Vineyards	Meritage 2012
Pollak Vineyards	Viognier 2013
Stinson Vineyards	Petit Manseng 2012
Trump Winery	Sparkling Reserve 2008
White Hall Vineyards	Soliterre 2012

Silver Medal Winners

Afton Mountain Vineyards	Gewurztraminer 2014
Barboursville Vineyards	Cabernet Franc Reserve 2012
Cardinal Point Winery	Green 2014
Delfosse Vineyards	Cabernet Franc 2012
Delfosse Vineyards	Merlot 2008
Early Mountain Vineyards	Chardonnay 2013
Early Mountain Vineyards	Chardonnay Reserve 2013
Flying Fox Vineyards	Petit Verdot 2012
Flying Fox Vineyards	Rosé 2014
Grace Estate Winery	Chardonnay 2013
Jefferson Vineyards	Estate Reserve 2010
Jefferson Vineyards	Reserve Merlot 2009
Keswick Vineyards	Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
Kilaurwen Winery	Riesling 2014
King Family Vineyards	Chardonnay 2013
King Family Vineyards	Viognier 2013
Michael Shaps	Methode Cabernet Franc 2011
Michael Shaps	Petit Verdot 2013
Pippin Hill Farm & Vineyards	Petit Verdot 2013
Pippin Hill Farm & Vineyards	Sauvignon Blanc 2014
Pollak Vineyards	Cabernet Franc Reserve 2012
Pollak Vineyards	Petit Verdot 2012
Stinson Vineyards	Chardonnay 2013
Trump Winery	New World Reserve 2012
White Hall Vineyards	Cabernet Franc 2013

Bronze Medal Winners

Afton Mountain Vineyards	Petit Verdot 2012
Afton Mountain Vineyards	VDN NV
Afton Mountain Vineyards	Festa di Bacco 2013
Barboursville Vineyards	Octagon 2010 200 th Anniv. Edition
Cardinal Point Winery	Cabernet Franc Viognier 2013
Cardinal Point Winery	Clay Hill Cabernet Franc 2012
Cardinal Point Winery	Union 2012
Delfosse Vineyards	Meritage 2013
Delfosse Vineyards	Petit Verdot 2013
First Colony Winery	Thatch NV
First Colony Winery	Chardonnay Estate Reserve 2013
Flying Fox Vineyards	Cabernet Franc 2013
Glass House Winery	21 st 2013
Glass House Winery	C-Villian 2013
Glass House Winery	Free Union Red 2013
Glass House Winery	Viognier 2012
Grace Estate Winery	Cabernet Franc 2012
Grace Estate Winery	Merlot 2012
Grace Estate Winery	Viognier 2013
Keswick Vineyards	Trevillian 2013
Keswick Vineyards	V2 2013
King Family Vineyards	Meritage 2012
Michael Shaps	Cabernet Franc 2012
Pippin Hill Farm & Vineyards	Meritage Vintage Reserve 2013
Pippin Hill Farm & Vineyards	Merlot Vintage Reserve 2013
Reynard Florence Vineyards	NMAIV 2012
Reynard Florence Vineyards	Petit Verdot 2013
Stinson Vineyards	Merlot 2013
Stone Mountain Vineyards	Cabernet Franc Reserve 2011
Stone Mountain Vineyards	Pinot Grigio 2014
White Hall Vineyards	Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

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