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PLACER COUNTY WINERIES TAKE HOME 31 MEDALS AT CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR WINE COMPETITION



Placer County is home to 19 wineries from Lincoln to Loomis and up into Auburn. Photo Credit: Wayde Carroll Photography



Wise Villa Winery, pictured above, won two Best of Class of Region awards, nine Silver medals and four bronze at the California State Fair Wine Competition. Photo Credit: Wise Villa Winery

AUBURN, Calif., July 2, 2013—Lodi and Amador aren't the only award-winning wine regions just a short drive from Sacramento. The [California State Fair Wine Competition](#) released this year's results and 10 wineries on the [Placer County Wine Trail](#) received 31 awards including three Best of Class of Region honors and one gold medal.

"Our Placer County Wine Trail vintners continue to produce first-class wines that surprise the palette and leave guests wanting more," said Jocelyn Maddux of Placer County Vintners Association. "Individuals who visit any one of our award-winning wineries will taste first-hand what makes our region special."

More than 70 judges tasted wines submitted by 709 wineries in this year's State Fair Wine Competition. Placer County wineries were recognized among thousands of wine entrants with three Best of Class of Region awards for [Lone Buffalo Vineyards](#) and [Wise Villa Winery](#). The winning wines are Lone Buffalo Vineyard's 2010 Rhone Blend and Wise Villa Winery's 2012 Rosé and Torrontes. Lone Buffalo Vineyards also took home a gold medal for its 2010 Zinfandel.

Silver medals were won by 10 Placer County wineries including: [Bonitata Boutique Wine](#), [Ciotti Cellars](#), [Davis Dean Cellars](#), [Fawnridge Winery](#), Lone Buffalo Vineyards, [PaZa Vineyard & Winery](#), [Pescatore Vineyard & Winery](#), [Secret Ravine Vineyards](#) and Wise Villa Winery. Six area vintners were also given bronze awards including: Bonitata Boutique Wine, Lone Buffalo Vineyards, PaZa Vineyard & Winery, [Popie Wines](#) and Wise Villa Winery.

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The Placer County Wine Trail runs from Lincoln to Loomis to Newcastle and Auburn and is easily accessible from I-80 and Highway 49. Photo Credit: Placer County Vintners Association

The 31 winning wines represent 18 bold Placer County varietals including: Barbera, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Petite Sirah, Pinot Gris, Primativo, Red Blend, Red Bordeaux Blend, Rhone Blend, Rosé, Tempranillo, Torrontes, Touriga Nacional, Sangiovese, Syrah, White Blend and Zinfandel.

“We are proud of the Placer County wine region’s many accolades,” said Placer County Agricultural Commissioner Josh Huntsinger. “Each year our local vintners are winning dozens of awards in state and national competitions. Our goal is to drive residents and visitors to taste our incredible Placer County wines because once they do, they’ll most definitely be back.”

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ABOUT PLACER COUNTY VINTNERS ASSOCIATION:

The Placer County Wine Trail is organized by the Placer County Vintners Association, a nonprofit association created to provide a forum for wineries to collaborate on events and programs. Together the Association also develops marketing programs to raise awareness of the Placer County wine region. The group believes that sharing best practices with all county wineries inspires the vintners to provide a high quality experience for winery visitors. For more information and maps, visit www.placerwine.com or call (916) 663-4486.

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ABOUT PlacerGROWN:

Supported by Placer County, PlacerGROWN is the information source dedicated to educating residents about the freshest agricultural products the region has to offer. Through its website, social media channels and other outreach programs, PlacerGROWN connects community members with the farms, orchards, ranches, wineries, nurseries, farmers' markets and specialty food stores in one of the most diverse growing areas in Northern California. To discover the bounty of agricultural products produced by farmers who call Placer County home, or for more information about PlacerGROWN, visit www.placergrown.org.

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