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Placer County Wineries Win 19 Awards at SF Chronicle Wine Competition

Placer County Wins Big for Big Wines at America's Largest Wine Competition

(Auburn, CA) – Much to the delight of local vintners and wine enthusiasts, Placer County Wineries recently brought home 19 medals from the prestigious San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. America's largest wine judging event, the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition received more than 4,900 wine submissions and is considered to be the premier competition of American varietals.

Stewart Perry, president of the newly formed Placer County Vintner's Association, believes the 19 awards will help the new organization validate the quality of Placer County wines, "The recognition from the judges at the San Francisco Wine Competition supports what we vintners have known all along – Placer County is a premier wine-producing region. We can hold our own against the wines of Napa, Sonoma and other better-known wine regions," he commented.

The Local San Francisco Chronicle wine competition winners include:

- Dono dal Cielo - one Silver
- Duarte Family Vineyards (Popie) - one Bronze
- Fawnridge Winery - two Bronze
- Le Casque - three Bronze
- Lone Buffalo Vineyards - one Gold, one Silver
- Mt. Vernon Winery - one Gold, one Silver, two Bronze
- Pescatore Vineyards & Winery - one Bronze
- Vina Castellano - three Silver, two Bronze

All of these wines are available to taste at the local wineries, most of which are open every weekend to visitors. The Placer County Vintner's Association has developed an organized wine trail which includes stops at over a dozen wineries where visitors can meet the winery owners and winemakers, and sample these award-winning wines first-hand. The trail, which is just a short 30 minute drive from Sacramento, runs from Newcastle, Auburn and Lincoln is easily accessible from I-80 and Highway 49. For more information on these wineries and the Placer County Wine Trail visit www.placerwine.com

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PLACER COUNTY VINTNER'S ASSOCIATION

Placer County Vintner's Association is a non-profit association formed to provide a forum for Placer County wineries to collaborate on events and programs that support the local communities, develop marketing programs to raise awareness of the Placer County wine region, and to share best practices to encourage all wineries to be the best they can and provide the greatest experience for winery visitors.