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Winners announced for the 2017 Lieutenant Governor's Awards for Excellence in British Columbia Wines

VICTORIA – Twelve wines have been chosen for the 2017 Lieutenant Governor's Awards for Excellence in British Columbia Wines, the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, announced today.

“2017's winning wines represent the best from our province.” said Guichon. “The hundreds of exceptional wines entered each year make it a challenge to select just twelve winners.”

This year, 486 wines were submitted by 132 wineries for judging. The winners are:

Burrowing Owl Estate Winery
Cabernet Franc 2014

Cassini Cellars
The Aristocrat Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

Cassini Cellars
Nobilus Merlot 2013

Castoro de Oro Estate Winery
Crimson Rhapsody 2014

Gray Monk Estate Winery
Odyssey White Brut 2014

The Hatch
Crown + Thieves The Broken Barrel Syrah 2013

Howling Bluff Estate Winery
Century Block Pinot Noir 2013

Kitsch Wines
Riesling 2015

Maverick Estate Winery
Bush Vine Syrah 2014

Noble Ridge Vineyards and Winery
“The One” Sparkling 2012

Perseus Winery
Invictus 2013

Upper Bench Estate Winery
Upper Bench Estate Chardonnay 2015

The Lieutenant Governor will visit the winning wineries in September to present the Awards. Members of the Consular Corps of British Columbia will accompany her when she makes these presentations so they can gain knowledge and experience British Columbia’s celebrated wine industry.

All wineries in British Columbia were invited to submit their wines for blind judging by a panel of wine industry professionals. Wines submitted had to be from 100% British Columbian grown grapes and produced in province to be eligible.

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