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2018 Monticello Cup Gold Medals Announced

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Charlottesville, VA – Twenty-two wineries from the Monticello Wine Trail (MWT) competed in the 2018 Monticello Cup Wine Competition, a friendly competition among wineries in the Monticello American Viticultural Area (AVA). This year's competition was coordinated by the Virginia Wine & Spirits Academy, and all entered wines contained a minimum of 85% fruit from the Monticello AVA and were produced by a member of the MWT.

This year 13 gold medals were awarded out of 58 entries. From these, the Top 3 White, Top 3 Red and overall Monticello Cup Winner, for the highest-ranking wine, will be announced live at the Monticello Cup Awards (MCA) on Monday, May 7, 6pm at the Jefferson Theater. The MCA will also serve as the official start to the 2018 Taste of Monticello Wine Trail Festival. Tickets for the award ceremony are available to the public at www.jeffersontheater.com.

Gold Medals – 2018 Monticello Cup Competition

Medal	Winery	Vintage	Wine
GOLD	Afton Mountain Vineyards	2016	Chardonnay Estate Reserve
GOLD	Barboursville Vineyards	2015	Octagon
GOLD	Flying Fox Vineyard	2014	Petit Verdot
GOLD	Jefferson Vineyards	2014	Estate Reserve (Petit Verdot)
GOLD	Keswick Vineyards	2016	Cabernet Franc Estate Reserve
GOLD	King Family Vineyards	2015	Meritage
GOLD	Michael Shaps Wineworks	2017	Rosie Rosé
GOLD	Pippin Hill Farm & Vineyards	2017	Sauvignon Blanc
GOLD	Pollak Vineyards	2017	Viognier
GOLD	Pollak Vineyards	2014	Meritage
GOLD	Trump Winery	2012	Blanc de Blanc
GOLD	Trump Winery	2015	New World Reserve
GOLD	Veritas Vineyard & Winery	2015	Petit Verdot "Paul Shaffer's 7th Edition"

Keswick Vineyards' Winemaker Stephen Barnard commented on their gold medal win, "It is always lovely to get recognition from industry professionals and colleagues and I am so happy for the team that can celebrate this, but then it is hard at work the following morning making the next wine and improving upon what we have done in the past. This is our motivation each day, to never be satisfied and constantly push the boundaries as we try to make world class wines in Virginia."

The MWT, a subsidiary of the Jeffersonian Wine Grape Growers Society, is an association of 33 wineries surrounding Charlottesville, VA. The mission of the JWGGGS is to support our members and promote quality grapes and wine produced in the Monticello AVA.

For more information on the award ceremony and the rest of the festival events please visit www.monticellowinetrailfestival.com. For more information about the Monticello Wine Trail please visit www.monticellowinetrail.com.

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