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Chateau Grand Traverse Wins Best in Class, Two Double Gold and Four Golds at 2018 Michigan Wine Competition

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TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN - Chateau Grand Traverse winery was recently awarded the Best in Class, two Double Golds as well as four additional Gold Medals for their wines entered into the 2018 Michigan Wine Competition. These notable awards are among a total of fourteen medals garnered by the winery at this year's competition.

Now in its 44th year of growing grapes and making premium wines on Old Mission Peninsula, Chateau Grand Traverse (CGT) is pleased to receive a number of awards. "Our winemaking team is delighted to receive these awards in so many categories," stated Winery President, Eddie O'Keefe. "We received awards in several categories from dry to sweet styles as well as both red and white wines. It just highlights the diversity and quality of our many wine offerings," O'Keefe concluded.

The winery's newly released 2016 Riesling Ice Wine was awarded a Double Gold Medal and Best in Class for Ice Wine at the competition. This was also the first year the competition offered a separate ice wine category. Ice Wine is a specialty dessert wine that can only be made from frozen grapes that are left on the vine well past the traditional grape harvest. CGT's 2017 Semidry Riesling, another new release, also received a Double Gold at the competition. The winery's Gold Medal wines include the 2013 Gamay Noir Reserve, 2016 Ship of Fools, 2017 Pinot Noir Rosé Vin Gris, and 2017 Block Twelve Riesling

This year marked the 41st year for the Michigan Wine Competition, which began in 1977 as the Michigan State Fair Wine Competition, when judging was held at the state fair. The 2018 competition was held on July 31st at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Along with the notable awards mentioned above, Chateau Grand Traverse also received the following awards at the competition:

2013 Cabernet France Reserve- Silver
2016 Grü Vin Grüner Veltliner- Silver
2016 Barrel Fermented Chardonnay- Silver
2017 Pinot Grigio- Silver
2013 Merlot Reserve- Bronze
2016 Dry Riesling- Bronze
2016 Whole Cluster- Bronze
2017 Late Harvest Riesling- Bronze

The 2018 wine competition season has been a successful one for CGT, with the winery garnering a total of 35 medals and awards so far. Those awards include one Triple Gold, three Double Gold, six Gold, twelve Silver, eleven Bronze, and two Best in Class awards from seven different competitions across the country, including the Los Angeles International, San Francisco Chronicle, Pacific Rim, and Dan Berger's International Wine Competition. All of the aforementioned award-winning wines, except for the 2017 Pinot Grigio, which will be released soon, are now available for sale in the CGT Tasting Room and online at cgtwines.com.

Chateau Grand Traverse is a family owned and operated winery, producing world-class wines on Old Mission Peninsula for over forty years. The winery focuses on producing wines from European Vinifera grape varieties with the upmost quality, consistency, and environmental sustainability. Visit the winery for a complimentary tour of the winery, and taste our regionally distinctive, award-winning wines.