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## Chateau Grand Traverse Wins Double Gold and Gold at Tasters Guild International Wine Competition

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Chateau Grand Traverse was awarded Double Gold and Gold for its wines at the recent 2018 Tasters Guild Wine Competition. These notable awards are among a total of six medals garnered by the winery at this year's competition.

Currently in its 43rd year of winemaking on Old Mission Peninsula, Chateau Grand Traverse (CGT) is delighted to receive these awards. CGT President Eddie O'Keefe is very enthusiastic about the continued advancement of Michigan as an emerging national and international wine growing and producing region. "Although we do not rely upon awards as the only indicator of our wine quality, these special achievements do help us effectively communicate our winery commitment and style to our consumers," O'Keefe said upon receiving the good news.

The wineries 2016 'Grü Vin' Grüner Veltliner, which is a part of CGT's Eclectic wines, was awarded a Double Gold Medal at the competition. CGT's Eclectic wines are vintage dated, small production wines. From eccentric blends to hands-on harvesting practices to vineyard-specific bottlings, each wine tells a unique story. If you've never had a Grüner Veltliner, CGT describes it as the missing link between Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc. This show-stopping wine offers marvelous citrus qualities, juicy minerality, and hints of white pepper. Also in the Eclectic line of wines is CGT's 2016 Ship of Fools, which brought home a Gold Medal. This white blend exhibits bright fruit flavor, pleasing mineral qualities, nuances of aromatic green tea, with a dry, lingering finish and soft acidity.

The Tasters Guild International Wine Competition, which is associated with the American Wine Society, is based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Annual International Wine Judging is held in early May when newly released wines are judged by a panel of experts. Along with the awards for their 2016 Grü Vin and Ship of Fools, Chateau Grand Traverse also received the following awards at the competition:

*2016 Pinot Noir Rosé Vin Gris- Silver*

*2016 Whole Cluster- Silver*

*2016 Dry Riesling- Bronze*

*2013 Gamay Noir Reserve- Bronze*

Recently, Chateau Grand Traverse also won five medals at the 2018 Los Angeles International Wine Competition, including 'Gold' for their 2016 Late Harvest Riesling, 'Silver' for 2016 Grü Vin Grüner Veltliner and 2016 Whole Cluster Riesling, and a 'Bronze' for their 2016 Pinot Noir Rosé Vin Gris. In addition to the wine, CGT's 2016 Pinot Noir Rosé Vin Gris also won a Silver Medal for its packaging design.

*Chateau Grand Traverse is a family owned and operated winery, producing world-class wines on Old Mission Peninsula for 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.*

