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2022 GOVERNOR'S CUP WINE COLLECTION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

All 12 Wines Will be Available to Taste Alongside Chef Pairings During the Colorado UnCorked Public Tasting Event on November 4th

(Denver, Colo.) September 6, 2022 – [The Colorado Wine Industry Development Board \(CWIDB\)](#), part of the Colorado Department of Agriculture, proudly announces the 12 Colorado wines that have been selected to comprise the 2022 Governor's Cup Wine Collection. This year's competition included 279 wine submissions from 38 local wineries. The wines were blindly judged by a panel of sommeliers, chefs, writers, and wine experts from around the country. The Best of Show winner will be officially announced during the annual [Colorado UnCorked](#) event on November 4, 2022, at [The History Colorado Center](#). This event will be the only opportunity for the public to try all of the award-winning wines at the same time.

"We are thrilled to welcome three new wineries to the Governor's Collection for the first time," said Doug Caskey, executive director of the Colorado Wine Industry Development Board. "They join seven returning wineries, all showing an outstanding array of styles and varieties, and as always, extremely high quality. Congratulations to all our participating wineries!"

Highly acclaimed wine icons traveled to Denver to sit on this year's 19 person judging panel. Notable returning judges included Doug Frost, Master of Wine and Master Sommelier; Ashley Hausman, Master of Wine; and Clara Klein, Sommelier at Sunday Vinyl. New notable judges on this year's panel include Zach Lewison, Sommelier at Sonnenalp in Vail; Drew Dinh, Sommelier at newly opened Terra Denver, Matty Carroll, Beverage Director at The Kitchen Restaurant Group and Nathan Gordan, manager at The Vineyard Wine Shop in Cherry Creek .

"I was honored to be a judge in the '22 Colorado Governor's Cup. It was fascinating to get such a hands-on, diverse look at what is happening in Colorado Wine, and to see the progress that is being made in our state," said Matty Carroll, Beverage Director for the Kitchen Restaurant Group. "Perhaps even better than tasting the wines was sharing the experience with so many talented wine professionals. There are some really delicious wines being made in Colorado and I'm stoked to watch as the caliber of the industry continues to grow."

The 12 winning wines will be put into the 2022 Governor's Cup Collection; wines designated to reflect the high quality of the Colorado wine industry. Seven wineries from previous Collections are repeat winners again this year: Aspen Peak Cellars, Carlson Vineyards, Vino Salida Wine Cellars, Whitewater Hill Vineyards, Red Fox Cellars, Carboy Winery and The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey. New to the collection this year include wines from Mesa Park Vineyards, The Peachfork in Palisade and Slaymaker Cellars in Idaho Springs.



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The CWIDB will use this collection in the coming year to represent Colorado at marketing opportunities in the state, across the country, and around the world. The award-winning wines will also be used for educational purposes at Colorado winemaker roundtable discussions to improve the overall quality of Colorado wines.

At this year's public tasting event, aptly named Colorado UnCorked, wines will be paired with small bites from some of Colorado's finest restaurants including Terra Denver, River Bear Meats, Bezel at Sheraton Downtown, The Kitchen, Logan Street, [Suti + Co](#), The Chocolate Therapist and many others.

Tickets are \$65 for General Admission and \$130 for the VIP experience and can be purchased at [Eventbrite](#). Complete information found at [Uncorked - Colorado Wine](#).

2022 Colorado Governor's Cup Collection

- Aspen Peak Cellars (Bailey) - 2021 Pinot Gris, American
- Carboy Winery (Littleton) - 2019 Petit Verdot, Grand Valley AVA
- Carboy Winery (Littleton) - 2020 Teroldego, Grand Valley AVA
- Carboy Winery (Littleton) - 2019 Blanc LaLaLa (Sparkling Gruner Veltliner), Grand Valley AVA
- Carlson Vineyards (Palisade) - 2021 Sweet Baby White Blend, American
- Mesa Park Vineyards (Palisade) - 2020 Equilibre Red Blend, Grand Valley AVA
- The Peachfork (Palisade) - 2021 Chambourcin, Grand Valley AVA
- Red Fox Cellars (Palisade) - Non-Vintage Nebbiolo, Grand Valley AVA
- Slaymaker Cellars (Idaho Springs) - Traditional Wildflower Mead
- The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey (Canon City) - 2019 Syrah, Colorado
- Vino Salida Wine Cellars (Poncha Springs) - 2017 Tempranillo, Grand Valley AVA
- Whitewater Hill Vineyards (Grand Junction) - 2021 Dry Rose of St. Vincent, Grand Valley AVA

Images of the 2022 Governor's Cup Collection [are here](#).

About the Colorado Wine Industry Development Board

The Colorado Wine Industry Development Board (CWIDB) is part of the Colorado Department of Agriculture dedicated to promoting and furthering the development of Colorado's grape growers and vintners. The CWIDB supports the efforts of more than 160 wineries throughout the state, producing an increasing array of premium-quality wines. For additional information, visit www.coloradowine.com.