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20 Gold Medal Wines Exclusive To Nakedwines.com

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Looks like we're going to need a bigger trophy case. **44 of your wines** just won prestigious medals at the **San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition** – 1 Best of Class, 10 Double Gold, 10 Gold, 18 Silver, and 5 Bronze. Wowza. Help us give a round of applause to the winemakers who won!

BEST OF CLASS

- 2016 Jac Cole Unoaked Alexander Valley Chardonnay

DOUBLE GOLD (Not even joking – there's a double gold category for when every single judge awards the wine a gold medal. There's no triple gold, we swear).

- 2014 W. Donaldson Sonoma County Rosé
- 2016 Karen Birmingham Clarksburg Petite Sirah
- 2016 Evangelos Bagias Lodi Chardonnay
- 2016 Jacqueline Bahue Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir
- 2016 Scott Peterson ROX Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir
- 2016 Jac Cole Oak Fermented Alexander Valley Chardonnay
- 2015 Matt Parish Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2015 Scott Kelley Oregon Tempranillo
- 2015 Ken Deis Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2015 Camille Benitah Terre de Feu Lake County Cabernet Sauvignon

GOLD

- 2015 Keith Hock Exit 43 Los Carneros Sonoma Blanc de Blancs
- 2016 Rick Boyer Santa Barbara County Pinot Noir
- 2015 David Akiyoshi Lodi Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2016 Jacqueline Bahue California Albarino
- 2015 Daryl Rex Groom Alexander Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2015 Franc Dusak Sonoma Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2015 Miriam Alexandra Napa County Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2015 Camille Benitah Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2016 Daryl Rex Groom Russian River Valley Chardonnay
- 2016 Rick Boyer Santa Barbara County Syrah

SILVER

- 2016 Miriam Alexandra California Chenin Blanc
- 2015 Camille Benitah Napa Valley Cabernet Franc
- 2016 Daryl Rex Groom Russian River Valley Pinot Noir
- 2015 David Marchesi Lake County Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2016 Evangelos Bagias California Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2015 Jac Cole Napa Valley Mosaico
- 2015 Jacqueline Bahue Sonoma Valley Cabernet Franc
- 2016 Ken Deis Napa Valley Merlot
- 2015 Ken Deis Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2015 Matt Parish Rutherford Petit Verdot
- 2016 Richard Bruno Clarksburg Chenin Blanc
- 2016 Rick Boyer Santa Ynez Valley Central Coast White Wine
- 2015 Scott Kelley Willamette Valley Pinot Noir
- 2016 Scott Kelley Willamette Valley Pinot Gris
- 2015 Scott Peterson ROX Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2014 W. Donaldson Sonoma County Blanc de Blancs
- 2016 W. Donaldson WTD California Cuvee No.1

BRONZE

- 2015 Ana Diogo Draper Pine Mountain-Cloverdale Peak Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2015 David Akiyoshi Clarksburg Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2016 Keith Hock Exit 43 California Bollicine in Bianco
- 2016 Matt Parish Sta. Rita Hills Pinot Noir

- 2015 Scott Peterson ROX Sonoma County All Blacks

Special shout outs

Thanks to some **stats we pulled from the 2016 competition**, we know that approximately 5% of entrants receive Double Golds. The fact that 10 of your winemakers (from a pool of 7,000 plus!) came home with the highest medals in the competition is incredible. Kudos to Camille, Evangelos, Jac, Jacqueline, Karen, Ken, Matt, Scott P, Scott K and Wayne. They deserve a major pat on the back!

A special kudos goes to Jac Cole this year. Not only did his Chardonnays both score Double Golds – his 2016 Unoaked Chardonnay won Best of Class! There's no better Alexander Valley Chard on the market if you ask the judges… and we have to agree.

You proved top-shelf wines don't have to cost an arm and a leg

All 44 wines were judged based on their LIST prices – the prices you'd have to pay for a comparable bottle in the store (if you could even find one, that is).

- Wayne's sparkling Sonoma Rosé won a Double Gold, triumphing over legendary Champagne house Taittinger – they sell bubbly for HUNDREDS. Angels can get Wayne's bottle for $18.99 – just sayin'
- Karen's Petite Sirah soared to the top with a Double Gold – beating established value brands like Cameron Hughes and Bogle. And Angels can get it for $10.99!
- You get the idea. There are plenty more exclusive wines where that came from.

…and champion wines can come from regions you'd never expect – you're so ahead of the curve

- Camille's Terre de Feu Lake County Cabernet was 1 of 3 wines to win a Double Gold medal in her category – scoring higher than Cab Sauvs coming from famous regions like Napa, Chalk Hill and Anderson Valley!
- Ana's limited-edition Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon was the only Double Gold medalist harvested from the peaks of Pine Mountain…
- And Scott Kelley brought home a giant Double Gold trophy for his incredibly rare northwest red – thanks to you, now the world knows how much Oregon Tempranillo rocks!

As always, Angel prices stay the same

Sometimes you see wine prices skyrocket because of prestigious awards and recognition. But rest assured, Angel

prices are based on the true cost of making the wine – so those prices stay the same.

Where else can you get a Best of Class, Double Gold decorated Chardonnay from the ritziest region in Sonoma Valley for $12.99?! Nowhere but right here.

PS – No winemakers were harmed…

Every independent winemaker YOU fund is free to make the wines they love – without having to worry about added expenses, like marketing and advertising (that includes expensive competition fees). Rest assured that we cover all these expenses for the winemaker, and don't take it away from their funding. That's how we keep the wines so affordable for Angels.

If you want a taste of these medal winning wines, you should:

Make sure you're an Angel – so you get the best pricing on the best wines (and support independent winemakers, too)

Follow the winning winemakers– so you can get updates when their trophy wines are back in stock.

- Alex Farber
- Ana Diogo Draper
- Camille Benitah
- Daryl Groom
- David Akiyoshi
- David Marchesi
- Evangelos Bagias
- Franc Dusak
- Jac Cole
- Jacqueline Bahue
- Karen Birmingham
- Keith Hock
- Ken Deis
- Matt Parish
- Richard Bruno
- Rick Boyer
- Scott Kelley
- Scott Peterson
- Wayne Donaldson

Thanks for giving these champions the chance to craft the wines they love. You're showing the world what a crew of passionate wine drinkers and talented winemakers can do (win lots of medals, that's what).

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