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Mendocino wineries sweep the awards at the 2014 California State Fair and Navarro Vineyards & Winery is awarded the Golden State Winery of the Year.

July 25th, 2014 (UKIAH, CA) – Mendocino proves it's more than just a pretty place to visit with their sweeping victory at the 2014 CA State Fair in Sacramento. Out of the 746 wineries throughout the state that entered the competition, 16 Mendocino wineries garnered awards for Best of Show, along with a multitude of medals.

The wine awards were announced on the steps of State Capitol on Tuesday, June 24th with another esteemed accolade for Navarro Vineyards as ***Golden State Winery of the Year***.

"Navarro Vineyards & Winery has long embraced Mendocino's culture and have always strongly believed that it is home to some of the finest grapes and innovation in the world. We are honored to receive this glowing tribute as Golden State Winery of the Year on the steps of the State Capital," states Deborah Cahn, founder of Mendocino's Navarro Vineyards & Winery.

The following Mendocino WineGrowers, Inc. members collected Best of Shows and medals: Bliss Family Vineyards, Brutocao Family Vineyards, Greenwood Ridge Vineyards, Handley Cellars, Husch Vineyards, Judson Hale Winery, Kimmel Vineyards, McFadden Vineyards, Moniker Wine Estates, Navarro Vineyards, Parducci Wine, Paul Dolan Vineyards, Philo Ridge Vineyards, and Seebass Family Wines.

Zac Robinson, owner of Husch Vineyards and Mendocino WineGrowers, Inc. member says *"Mendocino WineGrowers, Inc.'s wineries comprised more than half of the total medal winners – this is something our growers and vintners can certainly hang their hat on."* He

continues *“we have been on a mission to spread the word about Mendocino County and further our members esteemed reputation amongst wine buyers and critics world-wide as producers of high quality wines.”*

About the Mendocino WineGrowers, Inc.:

Mendocino WineGrowers, Inc (MWI) is a voluntary group of winegrowers and vintners created in fall of 2012 helping to promote the grapes and wines of this large region. MWI is the leading voice of Mendocino wineries and winegrowers throughout the region dedicated to increasing awareness and furthering our message about the quality of grapes grown in our vineyards. Mendocino’s unique collection of heritage vineyards, organic pioneers, name-brand wineries and family businesses is home to 8 recognized Viticultural Areas with 550 vineyards properties and 93 winery businesses. The region is well known for its pioneering “green” movement and can proudly say their green credentials are unsurpassed by any other wine region in the world.

Mendocino WineGrowers, Incorporated (MWI) Members:

Akins Family Vineyards	Ferrington Vineyards	McFadden Farm & Vineyards
Albertina Wine Cellars	Frey Vineyards	Mendocino Wine Company
Alder Springs Vineyard	Gibson Vineyards	Mercier Winery
Allied Grape Growers	Gobbi Street Vineyard LLC	Meyer Family Cellars
Baker Vineyard	Grape Ventures, LLC	Navarro Vineyards
Balo Vineyards	Greenwood Ridge Vineyards	Nelson Family Vineyards
BARRA of Mendocino	Haiku Ranch	Nelson Hill
Bink Wines	Handley Cellars	Norgard Farms, Inc.
Bleauhard Vineyard	Henneberg Vineyard	Old Chatham Ranch
Bonofiglio Vineyards, Llc	Hillside Vineyards	Oster Wine Cellars
Chapman Ranch	Husch Vineyards	Paradise Canyon Farms
Charles Locatelli Vineyard	James Vineyard	Phillips Hill Winery
Chase Vineyards	JCP Farming Co	Philo Ridge
Cononiah Vineyards	Jeriko Estate	Pole Barn Vineyard
Crop Production Services CPS	Jim Bogner Ranch	Potter Valley Wine Works
Dark Horse Vineyards	Judson Hale Winery	Ravano Vineyards
Dave Downey Vineyards	Kazmet Ranch	Redwood Valley Juice Co.
Dempel Ranch Vineyard	Kendall Jackson	Rivino
DNA Vineyards	Kimmel Vineyards	Romani Family Vineyard
Docker Hill Vineyard	Klein Family Vineyards	Route 128 Winery
Drew Family Cellars	La Ribera Vineyards	Saracina Vineyards
Dreyer Wines	Lake Mendocino Vineyards	Seebass Family Wines
Duncan Peak Vineyards	Light Vineyards	Signal Ridge Vineyard
Dunnewood Vineyards / Constellation	Manoir Girard Cellars	Silversmith Vineyards
Elizabeth Spencer	Masut Vineyard and Winery	Stipp Ranch
Ferrari Carano		Testa Vineyards

Thomas F. Johnson
Vineyard
Thurston Family
Vineyard

Trail's End Vineyard
Trinafour Cellars
Upper Ranch Vineyard
Vintage Wine Estates

Waits-Mast Family
Cellars
Weir Vineyard
Wiley Vineyards

About the California State Wine Competition:

The California State Fair Commercial Wine Competition is the oldest and most prestigious wine competition in North America. The competition is open to all California bonded wineries selling retail and each year, thousands of California wines are entered into the competition for the chance to win one of many coveted awards from the State Fair's panel of expert wine judges. For over 150 years, the California State Fair has recognized the best wines of the state and the dedication of wineries and vintners in the Golden State's viticulture and enology industry.

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