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## Chateau Grand Traverse Awarded 40 Medals in 2019 Wine Competitions

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TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN – For years Chateau Grand Traverse (CGT) has set the standard for the Michigan winery experience. Their sustainable practices and vine to wine philosophy are just a few of the reasons they're one of the premiere wineries in northern Michigan. Thus far in the 2019 competition season, they've entered wines into 6 international competitions, as well as the Michigan Wine Competition, garnering 40 total medals, including Best of Class, Double Gold, and several Gold medals.

Now in its 45th year of growing grapes and making premium wines on Old Mission Peninsula, 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 winery's 2017 Block Twelve Riesling, which is part of CGT's Eclectic line of wines, shown brightest this season, bringing home Best of Class and Gold at the Los Angeles International Wine Competition, Gold at the Michigan Wine Competition and the Pacific Rim International Wine Competition, and Silver at the San Francisco Chronicle International. This semi-sweet wine is made from hand-picked Riesling grapes with loads of flavor, then cool fermented and steady aged in stainless steel, allowing this wine to show off juicy fruit-forward aromatics, pronounced citrus, and a robust mouthfeel.

Other notable award-winning wines include their 2016 Riesling Ice Wine, 2017 Etcetera White and Etcetera Rosé, 2017 Dry Riesling, and 2017 Gamay Noir Limited, all of which brought home Double Gold or Gold medals in 2019. CGT is also honored to have won 'Best Local White Wine' for their 2017 Late Harvest Riesling in Traverse City's Red-Hot Best Awards and 'Best Michigan-Made Wine' in HOUR Magazine's Best of Detroit 2019. A complete list of the winery's 2019 awards can be found below:

*2019 Best Michigan-Made Wine, 2019 HOUR Magazine Best of Detroit  
2017 Late Harvest Riesling- Best Local White Wine, 2019 Red-Hot Best Awards  
2017 Block Twelve- Best of Class, Los Angeles International Wine Competition  
2016 Riesling Ice Wine- Double Gold, Finger Lakes International Wine Competition  
2017 Dry Riesling- Double Gold, San Francisco Chronicle International Wine Competition*

**Gold:**

*2017 Block Twelve- Michigan Wine Competition, Los Angeles International Wine Competition & Pacific Rim International  
2017 Etcetera White- Los Angeles International Wine Competition  
2017 Etcetera Rosé- Tasters Guild International Wine Competition  
2017 Dry Riesling- Tasters Guild International Wine Competition  
2017 Gamay Noir Limited- Tasters Guild International Wine Competition  
2017 Pinot Noir Limited- Michigan Wine Competition*

*2017 Pinot Noir Rosé Vin Gris- Michigan Wine Competition*

***Silver:***

*2017 Whole Cluster Riesling- Tasters Guild International & International Women's*  
*2016 Silhouette- Tasters Guild International Wine Competition & Michigan Wine Competition*  
*2017 Dry Riesling- Finger Lakes International, Pacific Rim, International Women's & Michigan*  
*Wine Competition*  
*2017 Gamay Noir Limited- Finger Lakes International Wine Competition & Michigan Wine*  
*Competition*  
*2016 Barrel Fermented Chardonnay- International Women's & San Francisco Chronicle*  
*2017 Barrel Fermented Chardonnay- Michigan Wine Competition*  
*2017 Late Harvest Riesling- International Women's Wine Competition*  
*2017 Block Twelve Riesling- San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*  
*2017 Pinot Noir Rosé Vin Gris- San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*  
*2017 Semidry Riesling- San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*  
*2017 Etcetera Rosé- Michigan Wine Competition*  
*2017 Pinot Grigio- Michigan Wine Competition*  
*2017 Ship of Fools- Michigan Wine Competition*

***Bronze:***

*2017 Late Harvest Riesling- San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition & Michigan Wine*  
*Competition*  
*2016 Etcetera White- International Women's Wine Competition*  
*2017 Etcetera White- Pacific Rim International Wine Competition*  
*2017 Pinot Noir Rosé Vin Gris- Pacific Rim International Wine Competition*  
*2017 Block Twelve Riesling- Finger Lakes International Wine Competition*  
*2017 Ship of Fools- Tasters Guild International Wine Competition*  
*2017 Late Harvest Chardonnay- Michigan Wine Competition*

Each of the aforementioned wines are available to taste in the CGT Tasting Room and can be purchased in store or online at [cgtwines.com](http://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.*