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Messina Hof Winery Wins Big During Awards Season

Texas's Most Award-Winning Winery Takes Home Honors at Wine Competitions Across the Country

Bryan, Texas (March 1, 2022) – Messina Hof Wine Cellars, Inc, the most award-winning winery in Texas, is pleased to announce it was awarded honors at numerous wine competitions in recent months, including the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, San Francisco International Wine Competition, Rodeo Uncorked! International Wine Competition, Lone Star International Wine Competition, San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, and TEXSOM International Awards.

“We are committed to producing best in class wines that people love at Messina Hof,” said Messina Hof Chief Executive Officer and Winemaker, Paul M. Bonarrigo. “Since 1977, Messina Hof Winery has remained a family-owned business dedicated to showcasing exceptional Texas wines and bolstering the Texas wine industry as a whole.”

The 2022 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, held from January 10th-14th, evaluated 5,816 wines from nearly 1,000 wineries. Messina Hof took home a total of 23 awards, including 5 Gold medals for its 2019 Private Reserve Cabernet Franc, 2019 Private Reserve Gewürztraminer, 2019 Artist Series Sangiovese, 2019 Private Reserve Tempranillo, and Emblaze Sweet Red. Messina Hof’s Emblaze Sweet Red includes augmented reality label technology, making Messina Hof the first Texas winery to feature interactive labels.

The 2021 San Francisco International Wine Competition, one of the oldest international wine competitions in the world, was held from November 15th-19th and received 2,627 entries from 21 countries. Messina Hof’s 2018 Paulo Sagrantino received a prestigious Double Gold, a medal awarded to wines that received a Gold medal rating by all judges on the panel. Messina Hof also won a Silver medal for their 2019 Artist Series Sangiovese.

Messina Hof took home a total of 23 awards at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo’s 2022 Rodeo Uncorked! International Wine Competition held from November 12th-14th, receiving Double Gold for its 2020 Private Reserve Viognier and 2019 Black Label Premium Red. The winery also received Class Champion and Gold awards for their 2019 Artist Series Sangiovese and 2018 Sagrantino Reserva. The 2019 GSM and 2017 Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon were both Gold medal winners. In total, Messina Hof garnered three Class Champion and 10 Texas Class Champion distinctions.

At the 38th Annual Lone Star International Wine Competition held on October 6th-7th, Messina Hof added 18 awards to its repertoire, most notably receiving a Grand Star for their 2019 Private Reserve Gewürztraminer. In addition, the winery's 2019 Private Reserve Cabernet Franc and 2017 Hill Country Port won Gold in the competition.

At the 13th Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo International Wine Competition held from October 4th-6th, Messina Hof was awarded 18 medals, with the 2018 Artist Series Primitivo receiving Gold and Top of Class honors. The 2019 Private Reserve Cabernet Franc and 2019 Private Reserve Gewürztraminer were recognized with Texas Class Champion and Gold awards, while the 2019 Sauvignon Blanc received Silver and Texas Class Champion honors.

In May, Messina Hof's 2018 Paulo Merlot received a Gold ranking at the 2021 TEXSOM International Wine Awards, an organization committed to promoting professional wine service standards, outlining paths for further beverage education and certification, and raising public awareness about professional standards and certifications for sommeliers. In addition, the 2020 Private Reserve Blanc Du Bois received a Silver ranking.

Messina Hof also recently celebrated the debut of its winter release wines. These include a 2021 Grenache Dry Rosé, 2020 Pinot Grigio, 2019 Private Reserve Pinot Noir, 2019 Paulo Cabernet Sauvignon, 2019 Sagrantino Reserva, 2019 Dry Riesling and 2018 Hill Country Papa Paulo Port. To purchase these or any of the award-winning Messina Hof wines, you can visit one of the four Texas winery locations or go to www.MessinaHof.com. For up to date information on new releases, follow on social at [@messina_hof](https://www.instagram.com/messina_hof) on Instagram, [@messina_hof](https://twitter.com/messina_hof) on Twitter or [@messinahof](https://www.facebook.com/messinahof) on Facebook.

ABOUT MESSINA HOF

Messina Hof Wine Cellars, Inc. is a leader in the establishment of the Texas wine industry and one of the fastest-growing and most award-winning wineries in the state. Established in Texas in 1977, the rich winemaking heritage of the Bonarrigo family dates back six generations to Messina, Sicily. The Messina Hof Winery & Resort in Bryan, the Messina Hof Hill Country Winery and Manor Haus in Fredericksburg, the Messina Hof Grapevine Winery and the Messina Hof Harvest Green Winery & Kitchen outside of Houston are dedicated to producing premier, award-winning wines and offering tourism destinations based on tradition, romance and family.

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