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Trophy and Medal Winners for 9th Annual International Cold Climate Wine Competition

Sips, slurps, sniffs and swirls dominated the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on August 17 as 21 wine experts gathered to determine the top cold hardy wines at the 9th Annual International Cold Climate Wine Competition.

Six trophies are awarded to the top wines and wineries in addition to the medals. The top awards include Best-of-Show from each competition category, Winery of the Year, and Minnesota Governor's Cup. Best of Show wines are chosen amongst the gold and double gold medal winners. Winery of the Year is awarded based on a weighted medal count. The Minnesota Governor's Cup is chosen from the gold and double gold award-winning wines from Minnesota producers.

This year's competition included 338 wines from nine states, and Ontario, Canada. The judging panel included professional sommeliers, educators, growers and winemakers amongst others.

The ICCWC is the only competition devoted to cold-hardy grape varieties. It seeks to honor and promote wines of exceptional quality produced in these unique cold-climate regions. The competition is run through a partnership between the Minnesota Grape Growers Association and the University of Minnesota.

Cold climate or cold hardy grapes are grown in regions where the better-known grapes such as Chardonnay, Merlot or Cabernet are unable to survive through the harsh weather. So in Minnesota and other northern states and Canada you will see Marquette, Frontenac, La Crescent and many other varieties. The University of Minnesota, amongst others, is a leader in breeding grapes for the harsh weather as well as suitable characteristics for winemaking.

Trophies

Governor's Cup

- La Crescent (2016) Northern Hollow Winery, Grasston, MN

Winery of the Year

- Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery, Kewaunee, WI

Best of Show White

- La Crescent (2016) Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery, Kewaunee, WI
Best of Show Red

- Marquette (2015) Indian Island Winery, Janesville, MN
Best of Show Specialty

- Ice Wine (2016) Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery, Kewaunee, WI
Best of Show Rosé

- Rosie's Red (No Vintage) Richwood Winery, Callaway, MN

Medals

Double Gold:

Bill's Waltz	2015	Dancing Dragonfly Winery	St. Croix Falls	WI
Petite Pearl	2016	Lincoln Peak Vineyard	New Haven	VT
Ice Wine	2016	Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	Kewaunee	WI
Marquette	2015	Tug Hill Vineyards	Lowville	NY
Frontenac Blanc	2016	Wild Mountain Winery	Taylors Falls	MN

Gold:

Brianna	2016	Backcountry Winery	Stratford	IA
Wobegon White	2016	Carlos Creek Winery	Alexandria	MN
Port	NV	Chateau St. Croix Winery	St. Croix Falls	WI
La Crescent	2014	Coyote Moon Vineyards	Clayton	NY
Promenade	2016	Dancing Dragonfly Winery	St. Croix Falls	WI
2015 North Branch	2015	Grovedale Winery	Wyalusing	PA
2015 Marquette	2015	Grovedale Winery	Wyalusing	PA
Marquette	2015	Indian Island Winery	Janesville	MN
Ragtime White	2016	Lincoln Peak Vineyard	New Haven	VT
Velvet Vines Marquette	2014	Next Chapter Winery	New Prague	MN
Viking	2016	Northern Hollow Winery	Grasston	MN
Brianna	2016	Northern Hollow Winery	Grasston	MN
La Crescent	2016	Northern Hollow Winery	Grasston	MN
La Crescent	2016	Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	Kewaunee	WI
Ice Wine	2015	Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	Kewaunee	WI
Richwood Rosie's Red	NV	Richwood Winery	Callaway	MN
Petite Pearl	2015	Shelburne Vineyard	Shelburne	VT
Iowa White Blossom	2016	Tassel Ridge Winery	Leighton	IA
Tavola White	2016	Villa Bellezza Winery & Vineyards	Pepin	WI
Stinger Mead	NV	Winehaven Winery	Chisago City	MN

Silver:

Brut	2014	August Hill Winery/Illinois Sparkling Co.	Utica	IL
Classic White	2016	Cannon River Winery	Cannon Falls	MN
Frontenac Blanc	2016	Carlos Creek Winery	Alexandria	MN
Petit Ami	2016	Carlos Creek Winery	Alexandria	MN
Harvest White	2016	Carlos Creek Winery	Alexandria	MN
DewDrop Brut Rosé	NV	Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	Kasota	MN
Equinoce Extra Dry	NV	Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	Kasota	MN
Kasota Rose	2016	Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	Kasota	MN
Coeur de Colline Lot 2	NV	Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	Kasota	MN

La Crescent	2016	Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	Kasota	MN
Minnesota White	2016	Chateau St. Croix Winery	St. Croix Falls	WI
Wisconsin Red	2015	Chateau St. Croix Winery	St. Croix Falls	WI
Brianna	2016	Cold Country Vines & Wines	Kewaunee	WI
Frontenac Gris	2015	Coyote Moon Vineyards	Clayton	NY
Casa Papa Red	2013	Coyote Moon Vineyards	Clayton	NY
Apiary	2013	Crow River Winery	Hutchinson	MN
Frontenac Blanc	2015	Crow River Winery	Hutchinson	MN
2013 Marquette	2013	Dancing Dragonfly Winery	St. Croix Falls	WI
Sashay	2016	Dancing Dragonfly Winery	St. Croix Falls	WI
Golden Sunrise	2016	Danzinger Vineyards	Alma	WI
Danzinger White	2016	Danzinger Vineyards	Alma	WI
King Cranberry	2016	Danzinger Vineyards	Alma	WI
Deep Currant	2016	Danzinger Vineyards	Alma	WI
Sunburst	2016	Door 44 Winery	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Orange Cream Mead	2016	Duck Creek Vineyard and Winery	Denmark	WI
Red Neck Revenge	2016	Feather River Vineyards	North Platte	NE
Maple Reserve-Barrel Aged		Fernleigh Cellars	Springfield	VT
Polygon Rosé	2015	Four Daughters Vineyard	Spring Valley	MN
M-Series	2015	Four Daughters Vineyard	Spring Valley	MN
Bluff Country Blush	2016	Garvin Heights Vineyards	Winona	MN
Hawk Meadow	2016	Hawk Meadow	Hastings	MN
Hunter's Red Reserve	2015	Indian Island Winery	Janesville	MN
Frontenac Gris	2014	Javens Family Vineyard & Winery	Mankato	MN
La Crescent	2013	Javens Family Vineyard & Winery	Mankato	MN
Marquette	2016	Lincoln Peak Vineyard	New Haven	VT
Limestone	2016	Lincoln Peak Vineyard	New Haven	VT
Ridgeline	2016	Lincoln Peak Vineyard	New Haven	VT
Little Iza	2016	Millner Heritage	Dassel	MN
Sechs	2016	Millner Heritage	Dassel	MN
Bubbler	2015	Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	Kewaunee	WI
Blue Moon	2016	Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	Kewaunee	WI
Glacier Fume	2015	Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	Kewaunee	WI
Frontenac Blanc	2016	Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	Kewaunee	WI
44 White	2016	Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	Kewaunee	WI
Vintner's Reserve	2016	Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	Kewaunee	WI
Richwood Frontenac Rose	2015	Richwood Winery	Callaway	MN
River View Winery La Crosse	2015	River View Winery	La Crescent	MN
Cruisin' Wild 2016	2016	Round Lake Vineyard & Winery	Round Lake	MN
Frontenac Gris 2016	2016	Round Lake Vineyard & Winery	Round Lake	MN
Cruisin' Red 2016	2016	Round Lake Vineyard & Winery	Round Lake	MN
Brianna 2016	2016	Round Lake Vineyard & Winery	Round Lake	MN
Port	2012	Saint Croix Vineyards	Stillwater	MN
La Crescent	2016	Saint Croix Vineyards	Stillwater	MN
Marquette	2015	Saint Croix Vineyards	Stillwater	MN
SV Frontenac Blanc	2016	Schram Vineyards	Waconia	MN
Barrel 4	2015	Schram Vineyards	Waconia	MN
Marquette Reserve	2014	Shelburne Vineyard LLC	Shelburne	VT
La Crescent	2015	Shelburne Vineyard LLC	Shelburne	VT
Marquette Reserve	2015	Sovereign Estate	Waconia	MN

Marquette	2015	Sovereign Estate	Waconia	MN
La Crescent	2015	The Cape Winery	Cape Vincent	NY
Marquette Rosé	2016	The Cape Winery	Cape Vincent	NY
Three Oak Wines LaCrescent	2015	Three Oak Wines	Albert Lea	MN
Eiszider	NV	White Winter Winery, Inc	Iron River	WI
Brianna Breeze	2014	Winneshiek Wildberry Winery	Decorah	IA

Bronze:

Rhubarb	NV	Ackerman Winery	Amana	IA
Lover's	NV	Ackerman Winery	Amana	IA
Demi Sec Rosé	NV	August Hill Winery/Illinois Sparkling Co.	Peru	IL
Sec	2014	August Hill Winery/Illinois Sparkling Co.	Peru	IL
Marquette	2015	Burr Vineyards	Brandon	MN
Feisty Bitch Red	2016	Cannon River Winery	Cannon Falls	MN
Minnesota Marquette	2016	Cannon River Winery	Cannon Falls	MN
Frontenac	2014	Carlos Creek Winery	Alexandria	MN
Apple Hopper	2016	Carlos Creek Winery	Alexandria	MN
Blue Jay Edelweiss	2016	Cellar 426 Winery	Ashland	NE
Big Bold Red	2016	Cellar 426 Winery	Ashland	NE
La Crescent	2016	Cellar 426 Winery	Ashland	NE
Sweet n Sexy	2016	Cellar 426 Winery	Ashland	NE
Lone Oak Tree Vineyard Marquette Reserve	2015	Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	Kasota	MN
Marquette	2016	Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	Kasota	MN
Petite Colline	2016	Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery	Kasota	MN
Wild River Rose	2015	Chateau St. Croix Winery	St. Croix Falls	WI
Thoroughbred Red	NV	Chateau St. Croix Winery	St. Croix Falls	WI
Northern Lights	2016	Cold Country Vines & Wines	Kewaunee	WI
Red Sunset	2016	Cold Country Vines & Wines	Kewaunee	WI
Brianna	2013	Coyote Moon Vineyards	Clayton	NY
Twisted Sister	2016	Coyote Moon Vineyards	Clayton	NY
Razzle Dazzle	2015	Coyote Moon Vineyards	Clayton	NY
Marquette	2014	Coyote Moon Vineyards	Clayton	NY
Township	2013	Crow River Winery	Hutchinson	MN
Christine's CanCan	2015	Dancing Dragonfly Winery	St. Croix Falls	WI
Marquessa	2015	Dancing Dragonfly Winery	St. Croix Falls	WI
Marquette	2016	Danzinger Vineyards	Alma	WI
Waumandee White	2016	Danzinger Vineyards	Alma	WI
Crescent Moon	2016	Danzinger Vineyards	Alma	WI
M	2016	Door 44 Winery	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Sparkler	2015	Door 44 Winery	Sturgeon Bay	WI
Snowy White	NV	Falconer Vineyards Winery & Cidery	Red Wing	MN
Lumberjack Hard Cider Barrel Oaked	NV	Falconer Vineyards Winery & Cidery	Red Wing	MN
Edelweiss	2016	Feather River Vineyards	North Platte	NE
Maple Reserve-Amber	NV	Fernleigh Cellars	Springfield	VT
Frontenac	2015	Fireside Winery	Marengo	IA
Marquette	2016	Flower Valley Vineyard	Woodbury	MN
Sparkling Brianna	2016	Four Daughters Vineyard	Spring Valley	MN

La Crescent	2015	Four Daughters Vineyard	Spring Valley	MN
The Digger's Dance	NV	Fresh Tracks Farm LLC	Berlin	VT
Maple Wine	NV	Fresh Tracks Farm LLC	Berlin	VT
Marquette	NV	Fresh Tracks Farm LLC	Berlin	VT
Huntsville Red	2016	Grape Mill Vineyard & Winery	East Grand Forks	MN
Brianna	2016	Grape Mill Vineyard & Winery	East Grand Forks	MN
2014 Late Harvest Frontenac Gris	2014	Grovedale Winery	Wyalusing	PA
2016 Frontenac Gris	2016	Grovedale Winery	Wyalusing	PA
2013 Marquette	2013	Grovedale Winery	Wyalusing	PA
Village Marquette	2016	Indian Island Winery	Janesville	MN
Brianna	2016	Indian Island Winery	Janesville	MN
Marquette	2013	Javens Family Vineyard & Winery	Mankato	MN
New Traditions	2014	Javens Family Vineyard & Winery	Mankato	MN
Nawadaha Falls	2016	Leigh's Garden Winery, Inc	Escanaba	MI
Black Sparrow	2016	Lincoln Peak Vineyard	New Haven	VT
La Crescent	2016	Lincoln Peak Vineyard	New Haven	VT
Marquette Nouveau	2016	Lincoln Peak Vineyard	New Haven	VT
Müllner Weiss	2015	Millner Heritage	Dassel	MN
Róna	2014	Millner Heritage	Dassel	MN
Schnickelfritz	2016	Millner Heritage	Dassel	MN
Gemütlichkeit	2016	Millner Heritage	Dassel	MN
Minnesota Crisp	2016	Millner Heritage	Dassel	MN
Velvet Vines Frontenac Gris	2015	Next Chapter Winery	New Prague	MN
Aurora Red	2016	Northern Hollow Winery	Grasston	MN
Drink Pink	2015	Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	Kewaunee	WI
Frozen Tundra Red	2016	Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery	Kewaunee	WI
Frontenac Gris	2016	Parley Lake Winery	Waconia	MN
Brianna Breeze	NV	Parley Lake Winery	Waconia	MN
Barn Quilt Red	2016	Parley Lake Winery	Waconia	MN
La Crescent	2016	Parley Lake Winery	Waconia	MN
Marquette	2016	Parley Lake Winery	Waconia	MN
Lake View White	2016	Parley Lake Winery	Waconia	MN
Barn Quilt Red Limited Edition	2015	Parley Lake Winery	Waconia	MN
Potter Settlement Frontenac Gris	2016	Potter Settlement Artisan Winery	Tweed	Ontario
Potter Settlement Marquette	2016	Potter Settlement Artisan Winery	Tweed	Ontario
Skinny Dipping: Sundance 2016	2016	Round Lake Vineyard & Winery	round lake	MN
TropicalPassion2016	2016	Round Lake Vineyard & Winery	round lake	MN
Frontenac Gris	2015	Saint Croix Vineyards	Stillwater	MN
Windsock White	2015	Schram Vineyards	Waconia	MN
Marquette Single Barrel	2014	Shelburne Vineyard LLC	Shelburne	VT
Whimsey Meadow Rosé	2016	Shelburne Vineyard LLC	Shelburne	VT
Marquette	2015	Shelburne Vineyard LLC	Shelburne	VT
Louise Swenson	2016	Shelburne Vineyard LLC	Shelburne	VT
St. Therese Rose	2015	Sovereign Estate	Waconia	MN
Frontenac Blanc Reserrve	2015	Sovereign Estate	Waconia	MN
La Crescent	2015	Sovereign Estate	Waconia	MN
Iowa Edelweiss	2016	Tassel Ridge Winery	Leighton	IA
Iowa Brianna	2016	Tassel Ridge Winery	Leighton	IA
Candleglow White	2016	Tassel Ridge Winery	Leighton	IA
Frontenac	2016	The Cape Winery	Cape Vincent	NY

Tibbetts Point Misty White	2016	The Cape Winery	Cape Vincent	NY
Compass Red	2015	The Champlain Wine Company	Plattsburgh	NY
Master's Cuvée	2016	The Winery At Kirkwood	Cedar Rapids	IA
Blue Bell Sparkling	2015	The Winery At Kirkwood	Cedar Rapids	IA
Master's Cuvée Blanc	2016	The Winery At Kirkwood	Cedar Rapids	IA
Summer Sabbatical	2016	The Winery At Kirkwood	Cedar Rapids	IA
Three Oak Wines Marquette Rosé	2015	Three Oak Wines	Albert Lea	MN
Bubbly Brianna	NV	Tug Hill Vineyards	Lowville	NY
Strawberry Rhubarb	NV	Tug Hill Vineyards	Lowville	NY
Prairie Star 2016	2016	Tug Hill Vineyards	Lowville	NY
La Crescent 2016	2016	Tug Hill Vineyards	Lowville	NY
Marquette	2015	Two Rivers Vineyard & Winery	Ramsey	MN
Marquette Reserve	2013	Villa Bellezza Winery & Vineyards	Pepin	WI
La Crescent	2015	Wild Mountain Winery	Taylor's Falls	MN
Frontenac Gris	2015	Winehaven Winery	Chisago City	MN
Edelweiss	2015	Winehaven Winery	Chisago City	MN
Rhubarb Wine	NV	Winehaven Winery	Chisago City	MN
Lakeside Red	NV	Winehaven Winery	Chisago City	MN
Raspberry Wine	NV	Winehaven Winery	Chisago City	MN
Marechal Foch	2016	Winehaven Winery	Chisago City	MN
La Crescent	2016	Winehaven Winery	Chisago City	MN
Strawberry-Rhubarb Wine	NV	Winehaven Winery	Chisago City	MN
Farmers Daughters	2015	Winneshiek Wildberry Winery	Decorah	IA
Cranberry Crush	2015	Winneshiek Wildberry Winery	Decorah	IA

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