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Winners announced for the 2016 Lieutenant Governor's Awards for Excellence in British Columbia Wines

VICTORIA – Twelve wines have been chosen for the 2016 Lieutenant Governor's Awards for Excellence in British Columbia Wines, the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, announced today.

“This year's winners represent the best of the outstanding wines from our province,” said Guichon. “With so many exceptional wines entered each year, it is becoming increasingly challenging for the judges to select the winners.”

This year, 504 wines were submitted by 135 wineries for judging. The winners are:

Bordertown Vineyards & Estate Winery
2013 Living Desert Red

Ex Nihilo Vineyards
2014 Pinot Noir

Gold Hill Winery
2013 Meritage Family Reserve

Hester Creek Estate Winery
2013 Syrah Viognier

Intersection Estate Winery
2013 Cabernet Franc

Kismet Estate Winery
2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve

Lunessence Winery & Vineyard
2014 Riesling Icewine

Okanagan Crush Pad Winery
2014 Haywire The Bub

Quails' Gate
2014 Stewart Family Reserve Chardonnay

Red Rooster Winery
2012 Reserve Merlot

Ruby Blues Winery
2015 Commune Viognier

St. Hubertus & Oak Bay Estate Winery
2014 Riesling

The Lieutenant Governor will visit the winning wineries in September to present the Awards. Members of the Consular Corps of British Columbia will accompany her when she makes these presentations so they can gain knowledge of British Columbia's renowned wine industry.

All wineries in British Columbia were invited to submit their wines for blind judging by a panel of wine industry professionals. Wines submitted had to be from 100% British Columbian grown grapes and produced in province to be eligible.

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