



## Kamloops Wineries Association

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### **Kamloops Wineries Awarded Seven Medals at 2018 BC Lieutenant Governor's Wine Awards**

**Kamloops, BC, October 13, 2016** – Kamloops wineries impressed the judges at the 2018 BC Lieutenant Governors Wine Awards held in Kelowna at this year's Fall Okanagan Wine Festival.

After tasting over 700 of BC's finest wines, a panel of twelve acclaimed judges from across the Nation awarded a record number of medals including seven medals to three Kamloops wineries.

Among this year's winners were a pair of gold medals awarded to Privato Vineyard & Winery for both their Privato Collection 2016 Pinot Noir and their Woodward Collection 2015 *Tesoro* Pinot Noir. A third gold medal went to Monte Creek Ranch Winery for their 2016 Pinot Noir Reserve. Two silver medals were awarded to Harper's Trail Estate Winery for their 2017 Field Blend White and their 2016 Sparkling Chardonnay, and a pair of bronze medals went to Harper's Trail 2016 Cabernet Franc and Monte Creek Ranch 2017 Sparkling Reserve.

"This is one of BC's most prestigious wine competition and represents some of the best wines in Province" says Trish Morelli, Executive Director for the Kamloops Wineries Association. "With over 700 wines entered, winning 7 medals is an incredible outcome and really speaks to the quality product coming out of the Kamloops Thompson Valley region," says Morelli.

In 2018, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, with support from the Government House Foundation, and The Okanagan Wine Festivals Society announced a new partnership in recognizing the best of British Columbia wines with the creation of the British Columbia Lieutenant Governor's Wine Awards.

The award winning wines from [Harper's Trail](#) , [Monte Creek Ranch](#) and [Privato](#) are available directly from the wineries or from select retail outlets in the province.

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