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**Governor's Cup Results
Announcement**

The [Michigan Wine Collaborative \(MWC\)](#) is excited to announce the official Michigan Governor's Cup results from the most recent statewide wine competition, the 2024 Michigan Governor's Cup, a partnership with the [Beverage Testing Institute \(BTI\)](#). BTI, headquartered in Chicago, establishes and advocates for the highest standards in the beverage industry.

The Michigan Governor's Cup winner for 2024 is [Verterra Winery of the Leelanau Peninsula with their 2023 Rosé](#). This wine ranked the highest out of 186 entries from 35 wineries submitted to the competition.

The following wineries received 'Best of Category' recognition for:

Vinifera Red: [St. Julian Braganini Reserve 2021 Cabernet Franc](#) (Gold Medal)

Vinifera White: [Laurentide 2022 Estate Sauvignon Blanc](#) (Gold Medal)

Hybrid White: [Cherry Creek Cellars 2023 Vignoles](#) (Gold Medal)

Sparkling: [MAWBY Blanc Brut](#) (Gold Medal)

Sweet: [St. Julian Braganini Reserve 2023 Harvest Select Vignoles](#) (Gold Medal)

Fortified: [White Pine 2021 Mirage Reserve Sweet Red Dessert Wine](#) (Gold Medal)

Fruit: [Gwin Girls Winery Rita's Raspisa Raspberry Wine](#) (Gold Medal)

The Full Governor's Cup Case Winners (top 5 white, top 5 red, top rosé, top sparkling) Include:

[Verterra Winery 2023 Rosé](#)

[Verterra Winery 2022 Pinot Blanc](#)

[Laurentide 2022 Estate Sauvignon Blanc](#)

[Stoney Ridge Vineyards 2022 Pinot Grigio](#)

[Blustone Vineyards 2022 Unoaked Chardonnay](#)

[St. Julian Braganini Reserve 2023 Mountain Road Estate Riesling](#)

[St. Julian Braganini Reserve 2021 Cabernet Franc](#)

[Cody Kresta 2020 Tradition Red Blend](#)

[Ciccione Vineyard 2021 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon](#)

[Modales 2022 La Esperanza Vineyard Pinot Noir](#)

[White Pine 2020 Reserve Merlot](#)

[MAWBY Blanc Brut](#)

Wineries and wines with their medal ranks are now listed on the Michigan Wine Collaborative website.



MWC and [Taste Michigan](#) are honored to have the opportunity to promote the world class wines made in the state of Michigan through the Michigan Governor's Cup Competition.

We would like to thank our membership for their continued support and constant effort in making world-class Michigan wine.

We invite Michigan wine producers, grape growers, and all other industry stakeholders interested in promoting all things Michigan wine to join our mission. Explore opportunities and more at michiganwinecollaborative.com.

The Michigan Wine Collaborative is the voice of the Michigan wine industry. Our mission is to enhance the sustainability and profitability of the Michigan wine industry by supporting wineries, growers and other businesses and individuals connected to the industry – today and for future generations. For more information, contact us by reaching out to info@michiganwinecollaborative.com or send us a message on social media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "BL", written in a cursive style.

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