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**Virginia Wines Show Well at  
Tasters Guild 26th Annual International Wine Judging**  
*Ingleside Vineyards awarded two double gold medals*

**Richmond, Va. (July 25, 2013)** - Tasters Guild International, a Wine and Food Appreciation Society, has announced the results of its Twenty-Sixth Annual International Wine Judging held at the *Secchia Institute for Culinary Education* in Grand Rapids. Virginia wines took home two double gold medals, four gold medals, 26 silver medals and seven bronze medals. Only 60 wines were awarded prestigious double gold medals, two of which were Virginia wines: Ingleside 2009 Petit Verdot and Ingleside 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve.

"It's an honor to win these Double Gold awards for our Petit Verdot and Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon. These are two wines which really showcase the potential of Bordeaux-style reds here at Ingleside -- and in Virginia in general," said Douglas Flemer, proprietor, Ingleside Vineyards.

Thirty experienced judges from around the country completed over 2,000 evaluations of wine from ten countries and 27 states/provinces on May 1-4, 2013. The judging panels were comprised of a carefully selected mix of retailers, winemakers, wine writers, restaurateurs, wine educators and experienced consumers from around the country. As part of the total wine evaluation process, nearly 35% of the wines entered were randomly chosen for reevaluation to verify the accuracy and fairness of medal consideration.

"By sponsoring this wine judging event, it is the objective of Tasters Guild to give the consumer a reference point for choosing quality wine values," explains Tasters Guild President, Joe Borrello. "Tasters Guild recommends any wine judging results or tasting evaluations be used only as an informational guide for consumers in establishing personal preferences. However, with our reevaluation procedure, we take extra precaution to appraise the wines as accurately as possible."

The **2013 Gold Medal Champion** trophy went to **ZD Wines** in Napa, California. The ZD label garnered more Gold and Double Gold medal points than any winery in the competition. A complete database search of medal winners from the judging is available on the Tasters Guild website at [www.tastersguild.com](http://www.tastersguild.com).

TASTERS GUILD is a society of wine and food lovers consisting of over twenty-five chapters that provide active and ongoing wine and food events. In support of these local chapters, there is an extensive network of retail wine/specialty food shops, restaurants, hotels, wineries, importers and distributors who provide easy access to quality wines and food for Tasters Guild members.

The rapid growth of Virginia's vibrant wine industry has made it one of the fastest growing agricultural sectors in the state. In 1979, there were only six wineries in Virginia. Today, there are over 380 vineyards that cultivate over 3,000 acres of grapes and over 200 wineries in Virginia. The state's wine industry's growth is escalating as fast as the state's advancements in wine quality and reputation. For a complete list of winners and further information about events, tours and tastings, please visit the Virginia Wine Marketing Office's website at <http://www.virginiawine.org/> or call 1-804-344-8200.

## **2013 Tasters Guild International Wine Competition Virginia Medals**

### **Abingdon Winery**

2012 Misty River - Gold  
2012 Creek Side Blush - Bronze  
2011 Chambourcin - Bronze

### **Barrel Oak Winery**

2011 Chardonnay Oaked - Silver  
2011 Chardonnay Unoaked - Silver

### **Chateau Morrisette**

2011 Vidal Blanc - Silver  
2011 Chardonnay - Silver  
2008 Merlot - Silver  
2011 Chambourcin - Silver

### **Cooper Vineyards**

2012 Chardonnay - Gold  
2011 Norton Reserve - Gold  
2010 Cabernet Franc - Silver  
2010 Cabernet Sauvignon - Silver  
Noche - Silver

### **Democracy Vineyards**

2012 Declaration - Silver  
2012 Petit Manseng - Silver  
2012 Viognier - Silver  
2011 Campaign - Silver  
2011 Suffrage - Silver

### **Gadino Cellars**

2011 Chardonnay Oaked - Silver  
2010 Nebbiolo - Silver

### **Gray Ghost Vineyards**

2011 Cabernet Sauvignon - Gold  
2012 Adieu - Silver  
2012 Vidal Blanc - Silver  
2011 Chardonnay Oaked Reserve - Silver  
2011 Ranger Reserve - Silver  
2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve - Silver  
2011 Petit Verdot - Silver  
2012 Gerwurztraminer - Bronze

### **Ingleside Vineyards**

2009 Petit Verdot - Double Gold  
2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve - Double Gold  
2007 Merlot - Silver  
Virginia Brut - Silver

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