2022 Iowa State Fair "Best of Show" Iowa Wine Competition Winners Announced

The five “Best of Show” Iowa wines were selected to be featured in Grandfather’s Barn at the Iowa Wine Experience throughout the duration of the 2022 Iowa State Fair. Red Barn Wines won Best of Show Dry Red with St. Croix. Eagles Landing Winery won Best of Show Sweet Red with their Rohde Red, Best of Show Dry White with Constance, and Best of Show Sweet White with their Outstanding White. Soldier Creek Winery won Best of Show Other/Specialty with Blanc de Blancs.

Held in July each year, the competition utilized eight qualified wine judges selecting medal winners through a blind sensory and tasting evaluation. This year, 133 wines from 18 Iowa wineries were entered. In total, 98 wines earned awards, nine Double Gold, 11 Gold, 45 Silver and 33 Bronze. Following the medaling round of the competition, 20 outstanding wines were nominated for the “Best of Show” sweepstakes round, which judges reevaluated and selected the top wine in each of the five divisions of the competition: dry red, sweet red, dry white, sweet white, and other/specialty. Following that, the five top winners were then narrowed down to determine the overall competition winner, the Governor’s Cup Trophy Award. Eagles Landing Winery’s Constance, was selected as the 2022 Governor’s Cup Trophy Award winner. The Iowa Wine Growers Association sponsors the Governor’s Cup Trophy award, which is the “best of the best” wine selected from the four Best of Show winners, determined by the judging panel at the end of the competition. Iowa’s Governor, Kim Reynolds, presents the trophy in a ceremony each year during the Iowa State Fair. The trophy has been on display at Tassel Ridge Winery for their Oskyfizzante wine from the 2021 Iowa Wine Growers Competition and will travel to Eagles Landing Winery to be on display for the next year following the conclusion of the Iowa State Fair. This year’s ceremony will take place on the stage outside Grandfather’s Barn, date and time yet to be determined.

The Iowa Wine Growers Association also sponsors a People’s Choice Trophy award. Fairgoers purchasing a tasting tray can cast their vote to determine which “Best of Show” wine takes home the trophy each year. The People’s Choice Trophy announcement takes place the last Sunday of the Fair at 3 p.m. at Grandfather’s Barn.

All five of the Best of Show award-winning wines, in addition to the 2021 Governor’s Cup winner, will be available at Grandfather’s Barn each day of the Fair from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tastings are $1 each or six for $5. Bottles of State Fair White and State Fair Red wines will also be available for purchase.
Additional results included:

**Double Gold**
- Harvest Red - Tassel Ridge Winery, Leighton NOMINEE FOR BEST OF SHOW
- Rubra - Soldier Creek Winery, Fort Dodge NOMINEE FOR BEST OF SHOW
- St. Croix - Red Barn Wines, Ames BEST OF SHOW DRY RED
- Constance - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette BEST OF SHOW DRY WHITE & GOVERNOR’S CUP WINNER
- Vignoles - Fireside Winery, Marengo NOMINEE FOR BEST OF SHOW
- Big Red - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette NOMINEE FOR BEST OF SHOW
- Rohde Red - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette BEST OF SHOW SWEET RED
- Blanc de Blancs - Soldier Creek Winery, Fort Dodge

**BEST OF SHOW OTHER/SPECIALTY**
- Outstanding White - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette

**Gold**
- Foxy Red Rose - Olathe Creek Vineyard & Winery, LeClaire NOMINEE FOR BEST OF SHOW
- Roseman Bridge - Covered Bridges Winery, Winterset NOMINEE FOR BEST OF SHOW
- June Marie - Oscar Carl Vineyard, Sioux City NOMINEE FOR BEST OF SHOW
- St. Pepin - Soldier Creek Winery, Fort Dodge NOMINEE FOR BEST OF SHOW
- Tres Hermanas - Breezy Hills Vineyard & Winery, Minden NOMINEE FOR BEST OF SHOW
- Oktoberfest - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette NOMINEE FOR BEST OF SHOW
- Bluesfest - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette NOMINEE FOR BEST OF SHOW
- Blackberry - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette NOMINEE FOR BEST OF SHOW
- Cherry - Ackerman Winery, Amana NOMINEE FOR BEST OF SHOW
- Frontenac - Red Barn Wines, Ames NOMINEE FOR BEST OF SHOW
- La Crescent - Jasper Winery, Des Moines NOMINEE FOR BEST OF SHOW

**Silver**
- Outstanding Red Reserve - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette
- Petite Pearl - Olathe Creek Vineyard & Winery, LeClaire
- Petite Pearl - Covered Bridges Winery, Winterset
- Aunt Billie - Oscar Carl Vineyard, Sioux City
- Outstanding Red - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette
- Number Ten - Oscar Carl Vineyard, Sioux City
- Tatanka - 42 North Winery, Vinton
- St. Croix - Covered Bridges Winery, Winterset
- Sabre Vois Rose - Red Barn Wines, Ames
- Petite Pearl - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette
- Somewhere - Breezy Hills Vineyard & Winery, Minden
- River Rainbow - Rustic River Winery & Vineyard, Lake View
- Un-Oaked Seyval Blanc - Jasper Winery, Des Moines
- Cedar Bridge - Covered Bridges Winery, Winterset
- Blackberry - Ackerman Winery, Amana
- Black Raspberry - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette
- Reserve Marquette - Tassel Ridge Winery, Leighton
- Marquette - Soldier Creek Winery, Fort Dodge
- Mrs. Sippi - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette
- Bed Head Red - Jasper Winery, Des Moines
- Dolce Iowa St. Croix - Fireside Winery, Marengo

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Francesca’s Folly - Covered Bridges Winery, Winterset
Coyote Call - Rustic River Winery & Vineyard, Lake View
Paragon Pink - Soldier Creek Winery, Fort Dodge
Prairie Blanc - Red Barn Wines, Ames
Brickyard Hill White - Fireside Winery, Marengo
Frontenac Gris - Olathea Creek Vineyard & Winery, LeClaire
Summer Crush - Eagles Landing Winery - Marquette
Edelweiss - Olathea Creek Vineyard & Winery, LeClaire
Edelweiss - Tassel Ridge Winery, Leighton
Edelweiss - Covered Bridges Winery, Winterset
Oskyfizzante Iowa White - Tassel Ridge Winery, Leighton
Peach - Ackerman Winery, Amana
Rhubarb - Ackerman Winery, Amana
Sabre Vois - Red Barn Wines, Ames
Misbehavin’ - Breezy Hills Vineyard & Winery, Minden
Frontenac Gris - Soldier Creek Winery, Fort Dodge
Sweet Ruby - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette
Tomorrow - Oscar Carl Vineyard, Sioux City
La Crescent - Soldier Creek Winery, Fort Dodge
Brianna - Fireside Winery, Marengo
Frontenac Blanc - Olathea Creek Vineyard & Winery, LeClaire
Brianna - Soldier Creek Winery, Fort Dodge
Serenity - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette
Cranberry Apple - Ackerman Winery, Amana

Bronze
Marquette Rosé - Fireside Winery, Marengo
Uncle Tony - Oscar Carl Vineyard, Sioux City
Seyval Blanc - Soldier Creek Winery, Fort Dodge
Goldenrod - Soldier Creek Winery, Fort Dodge
LaHop - Jasper Winery, Des Moines
Black Raspberry - Ackerman Winery, Amana
Mr. Sippi - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette
Marquette - Airport Road Vineyard & Winery, Mt. Pleasant
Hearthstone - Fireside Winery, Marengo
Sultry Sunset - Rustic River Winery & Vineyard - Lake View
Wiolet - Oscar Carl Vineyard, Sioux City
St. Croix - Soldier Creek Winery, Fort Dodge
Prairie Esprit - Red Barn Wines, Ames
Candleglow White - Tassel Ridge Winery, Leighton
Edelweiss - 99 Bottles Winery, Garner
Holliwell Bridge - Covered Bridges Winery, Winterset
Only Child - 99 Bottles Winery, Garner
Edelweiss - Breezy Hills Vineyard & Winery, Minden
Antique Aronia - Rustic River Winery & Vineyard, Lake View
Dandelion Blossom - Ackerman Winery, Amana
St. Vincent - Olathea Creek Vineyard & Winery, LeClaire
Rattlesnake Red - Covered Bridges Winery, Winterset
Midnight Moon - Rustic River Winery & Vineyard, Lake View
Steuben - Tassel Ridge Winery, Leighton
Grandpa’s Reserve - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette
Youngest Child - 99 Bottles Winery, Garner
Brianna - Red Barn Wines, Ames
Frontenac Blanc - Covered Bridges Winery, Winterset
Blowfish - 42 North Winery, Vinton
Brianna - Covered Bridges Winery, Winterset
Runway Rosé - Airport Road Vineyard & Winery, Mt. Pleasant
Robert Duncan Ruby Reserve - Tassel Ridge Winery, Leighton
Campfire Hooch - Eagles Landing Winery, Marquette

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