



SOUTH COAST WINERY
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**SOUTH COAST WINERY DESIGNATED AS “WINERY OF THE YEAR” BY
2019 SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION’S THE TASTING
PANEL MAGAZINE**

Also Wins “Best of Class” Wine, Two Double Gold Medals, Four Gold Medals and 22 Other Awards at the Competition

TEMECULA, Calif. (January 14, 2020) – Competing at the 39th Annual San Francisco International Wine Competition (SFIWC), [South Coast Winery](#), owned by Carter Hospitality, garnered the prestigious 2019 “Winery of the Year” premium award from SFIWC-affiliated *The Tasting Panel Magazine*. The SFIWC, a member of The Tasting Alliance, is one of the oldest international wine competitions in the world and North America’s largest wine judging event.

In addition to the “Winery of the Year” designation, South Coast Winery was awarded “Best of Class” for its *Wild Horse Peak Mountain Vineyards Touriga Nacional, 2016* in the Spanish/Portuguese/Argentine Red category. It also won two prestigious Double Gold awards for its *Daybreak Muscat* and *Wild Horse Peak Mountain Vineyards Touriga Nacional, 2016*. Gold medals were earned by the vineyard’s *4 Block Blend Cabernet Sauvignon, 2016*; *Muscat Canelli, 2018*; *Reservoir Block Petite Sirah, 2016*; and *Tempranillo Rosé, 2018*. The total number of medals received by South Coast Winery was 29.

Also recognized at SFIWC was South Coast Winery’s sister property and member of the Carter Hospitality family, Carter Creek Winery, located in Texas Hill Country. It took home awards for its *Cabernet Sauvignon, 2017*; *Tempranillo, 2016*; *Tempranillo, 2017*; and *Sparkling Peach*. Additionally, Carter Estate Winery in Temecula received a medal for its *Penrose Red Blend, 2016*.

“Our impressive achievements recognized by *The Tasting Panel* and San Francisco International Wine Competition is a testament to our commitment to producing wines that meet The Tasting Alliance’s founding principles of legacy, integrity and experience,” said Jeff Carter, president of Carter Hospitality, which owns South Coast Winery. “Since our inception in 2003, we have accumulated over 3,000 important accolades for our wines, but we are particularly proud to be honored as ‘the best of the best’ by the SFIWC.”

Medal winners of SFIWC awards are judged throughout three days of highly controlled blind tastings by experienced judging panels. Each entry is judged on its own merit, not compared to other entries. When an entry receives a Gold medal from all the judges on a panel, then it earns a

Double Gold medal. Select Double Gold wines advance to the Sweepstakes Competition where judges deliberate to determine the Best of Class and Best in Show Premium Award winners, recognizing the best of the best.

About South Coast Winery Resort & Spa

The only winery among the state's top wineries to claim the title of California Winery of the Year four times at the California State Fair Wine Competition, South Coast Winery Resort & Spa sets the gold standard for excellence amongst California wineries, earning more than 3,000 awards since its inception in 2003. Situated on 63 lush acres, the resort offers a breathtaking retreat for wine tours, romantic getaways and group events with 132 rooms and villas, a working winery and tasting room, gift shop, full-service spa and restaurant.

South Coast Winery offers a broad portfolio of 45 wine labels, the majority of which are available for sampling in its main tasting room – from robust reds such as Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache, Petit Syrah, Merlot and Pinot Noir to whites including Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier, Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay and Riesling. Also available are sparkling wines, dessert wines and other specialty offerings. The winery employs a staff of skilled winemakers, including master winemaker Jon McPherson and winemaker Javier Flores, both with decades of experience in the wine industry.

For more information, visit www.southcoastwinery.com.

About Carter Hospitality Group

Established in 2011, Carter Hospitality Group, LLC is a family-owned hospitality company with six hotels and resorts as well as three wineries across the United States. Based in Orange County, California, the company manages and owns a portfolio of luxury properties including South Coast Winery Resort & Spa, Temecula, California; Carter Estate Winery and Resort, Temecula, California; Harborside Suites at Little Harbor, Ruskin, Florida; Saratoga Resort Villas, Kissimmee, Florida; and Carter Creek Winery Resort & Spa, Hill Country, Texas. Carter Hospitality Group additionally serves as the owner-franchisee for Red Lion Hotel Lake Buena Vista South, Orlando Florida. For more information visit www.CarterHospitality.com.

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