



SOUTH COAST WINERY
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SOUTH COAST WINERY SHINES IN RECENT
“THE FIFTY BEST” ROSÉ WINE TASTING

South Coast Winery 2019 Tempranillo Rosé Awarded Double-Gold, and 2018 Tempranillo Rosé and Grenache Noir Rosé Win Gold Designations

TEMECULA, Calif. (July 27, 2020) – [South Coast Winery](#), owned by the Carter family, has once again gained prestigious recognition for three of its rosé wines in a blind tasting by *The Fifty Best*, a digital guide to wines and spirits. The winery’s 2019 Tempranillo Rosé was awarded a Double-Gold medal, one of a select four wines in the category, and South Coast’s 2018 Tempranillo Rosé and Grenache Noir Rosé won Gold medals.

Featuring rated listings from proprietary blind tastings as judged by wine/spirits journalists, sommeliers, wine/spirits retailers, mixologists, wine consultants and connoisseurs, *The Fifty Best* achieves the highest standards of evaluations by adhering to strict tasting rules and rigorous methodology.

The Fifty Best "blind" tasting of 25 recent release rosé wines was conducted by a 10-member wine judging panel. Using professional criteria, the pre-qualified panel of judges blind tasted the rosé wines and rated them individually on a one-to-five point scoring system with five being the highest. After tallying the scores, medals were awarded based on the judges' impressions.

South Coast Winery 2019 Tempranillo Rosé Double-Gold winner (Temecula Valley, Calif.) \$16 was fashioned from two Iberian Peninsula clonal selections of Tempranillo grapes in an approximate 50/50 ratio. According to the judges’ tasting notes, its finish is of strawberries, ripe watermelon, honeydew melon, apricot and lemon. It was noted to be floral and crisp with nice tartness, good balance – a delicious party wine and recommended for summer beach drinking.

Gold Medal winner *South Coast Winery 2018 Tempranillo Rosé* (Temecula Valley, Calif.) \$16 is made from a blend of hand-harvested Tempranillo (50% Portuguese Tinta Roriz clone) and 50% of a Spanish Tempranillo clone of grapes (commonly known as Valdepenas) that were cold fermented. The judges pronounced it to have balanced acidity, be crisp and tangy, and they said it was “yum.”

Gold Medal winner *South Coast Winery 2018 Grenache Noir Rosé* (Temecula Valley, Calif.) \$18 is created by immediately pressing and fermenting newly harvested grapes at cool temperatures using a yeast from the Cornas area of the Rhône Valley in France. Judges’ tasting

notes declared it to be oaky, soft, delicate and refreshing, as well as well-balanced, smooth and beautiful.

“As always, it is an honor and a great pleasure to have our wines win kudos and medals,” said Jeff Carter, president of Carter Hospitality Group, which owns and operates South Coast Winery. “We are once again proud to have the recognition from *The Fifty Best* Rosé blind tasting given to our master winemaker Jon McPherson, winemaker Javier Flores and the rest of our dedicated winery staff.”

The complete results of *The Fifty Best* competition, along with tasting notes, can be viewed at www.thefiftybest.com/wine/best_rose_wine.

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 five 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; and Carter Creek Winery Resort & Spa, Texas Hill Country. Carter Hospitality Group additionally serves as the owner-franchisee for Red Lion Hotel Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, Orlando Florida. For more information, visit www.carterhospitality.com.

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