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Port of Leonardtown Winery Takes Gold at Comptroller's Cup Competition

Local Southern Maryland Winery Shines in the Midst of the Best Maryland Wineries

Timonium, MD — June 08, 2016 — Port of Leonardtown Winery's (POL) - a cooperative winery with 11 active vineyards in Southern Maryland - wine placed high amongst equals in Maryland, taking over 10 medals at the <u>Comptroller's Cup Competition</u>, including three Golds.

POL wines receiving awards:

- Gold: Captain's Table 2014
- Gold: Vintner's Select Red Lot 2013 (Captain's Club Reserved Wine)
- Gold: McIntosh Run 2014
- Silver: Albariño 2014
- Silver: 1634 Chardonnay 2014
- Silver: Chardonnay 2014
- Silver: Chambourcin 2014
- Silver: 5th Anniversary Red 2013
- Silver: Vintner's Select Vidal Blanc 2014 (Sold Out June 19, 2016)
- Bronze: 5th Anniversary White 2013
- Bronze: Barbera 2013

We're still making our mark in the wine world, placing well statewide, nationally and internationally in competitions. With 11 vineyards actively producing, we take in a lot of grapes and make a wide range of, what is turning out to be, highly ranked Maryland wine.

The Comptroller's Cup Competition, previously the "Winemasters Choice Competition", is an annual competition judged by the winemakers themselves, experts in grape growing and wine production within Maryland.

It's always a tough decision determining which wines to place in any competition. At most wineries, the decision is made by one or two people, three tops. As a cooperative, POL makes decisions within a committee at the recommendations of the winemaker, Lauren Y. Zimmerman. This can make deciding on the correct number and variety of wines to submit even more challenging, especially when POL produces a wide range of wines from Dessert, to Semi-Sweet, Fruit, Off-Dry & Dry, with 22 wines currently in stock.

We're very pleased our McIntosh Run continues to outshine other Maryland Fruit Wine. This is our 7th year of producing Gold award winning Maryland harvested Apple Wine. In addition to Gold, it has also received Best in Class at the Maryland Governor's Cup Wine Competition 5 of the past 6 years. One year, we simply didn't enter.

It's the first time we've submitted and won Gold for our Captain's Table, a rich red table blend consisting of Chambourcin and Cabernet Franc grape varietals. We knew it to be quite good and are now extremely pleased to offer another Gold Medal Red!

We hesitated in the submittal of our Vintner's Select Red Lot 13 due to limited production & not yet being released to the general public. In the end, we decided to enter because it simply deserves Gold. This one may not make a public release as it is so popular with our <u>Captain's Club</u>, selling incredibly well amongst those who enjoy our wines the most, POL's continually growing wine club. Members enjoy special benefits, discounts and private distribution parties.

In addition to Award Winning Maryland Wine, POL offers live music on the patio every weekend at specified times to the general public with no cover charge. A purchase is required. Over 20 wines, snacks & general merchandise are available in the Tasting Room. Times and details are posted on our website and fb pages. POL also offers weekday valued tastings on Wednesdays and Thursdays from Noon to 6pm. We are closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

For more information on Port of Leonardtown Winery and our wines, please visit us at <u>polwinery.com</u> or like us on fb – search <u>Port of Leonardtown Winery</u>. To stay abreast of all our current happenings, subscribe to our <u>events on fb</u> or sign up to receive our <u>monthly</u> <u>newsletter</u> by scrolling to the bottom of our web page or in the Tasting Room.