

Inaugural North Carolina Fine Wines Competition

Jay Raffaldini, President of the North Carolina Fine Wines Society, invites his fellow winemakers of 100% North Carolina grown and vinified grapes to participate in a mogul event for the industry.

Winston-salem, NC, September 12, 2016 --([PR.com](#))-- Jay Raffaldini, President of the North Carolina Fine Wines Society, has released a short 3 minute video that is a "Call to Action" for NC Winemakers. This call to action is to inform fine wine producers from North Carolina that a new North Carolina competition is being christened in Winston-Salem. Following the judging in January 2017, several events will take place to recognize and celebrate the winning wines.

Jay Raffaldini said "The competition is unique, and in some ways it's the model for the entire country. The requirements are that all the fruit that is entered be grown and vinified in the state of North Carolina." 100% of the wines entered must be made from vinifera and hybrid varieties, which are the types of wines found on wine lists around the world. The judging will be blind and performed by Advanced and Master Sommeliers.

Judging will take place in January at the Graylyn International Conference Center in Winston-Salem, and the results will be held confidential until the NC Fine Wines Awards Gala on February 18th, 2017 at the Millennium Center in Winston-Salem. The top 12 wines in the competition will be make up the North Carolina Fine Wines Case. These wines will be featured at ShowCase Events scheduled to be held at the Umstead Hotel & Spa in Cary; The Duke Mansion in Charlotte; and the Omni Grove Park Inn in Asheville. While the judging is not a public event, the Awards Gala and subsequent ShowCase events will be ticketed celebrations. Tickets will go on sale later this year.

The 3 minute video can be found here: <http://www.ncfinewines.com/media.html>

If you would like more information on the competition, please visit NCFineWines.com, email competition organizers at info@NCFineWines.com, or call 336.499.2045.

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