

2023 RVVA Wine Competition

Bronze Amateur



Red Blends

1. Rebel Ranch Vineyards

Michael & Marla Fryman

In the red blend category for their 2019 Rebel Ranch PS Sang 75/25 (Petite Syrah 75%, Sangiovese 25%) (abv 13.2)

Reds

2. Rebel Ranch Vineyards

Michael & Marla Fryman

In the red wines category for their 2018 Petite Sirah (abv 14.5)

3. Hacienda Adobe Vineyards

Sarah Sealey

In the red wines category for their 2021 Montepulciano (abv 14.2)

4. Ellie's Vineyard

Rob de la Grange

In the red wines category for their 2021 Lovely Rita Merlot Maid

5. J4

Nicole Warady

In the red wines category for their 2020 Zinfandel

6. Brava Winery

Leticia Newhouse

In the red wines category for their 2021 Syrah (abv 13)

7. Torma Wines

Arnold Torma

In the red wines category for their 2021 Petite Sirah (abv 13.3)

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Whites

1. Mia Marie Vineyards

Kiara Boccia-Fenlason

In the white wines category for their 2022 Sauvignon Blanc Musque Clone (abv 12.4)

2. The Succulent Cellar

Josh Mann

In the white wines category for their 2021 Vermentino (abv 13)

3. CorreCamino Vineyard

Sue Robinson

In the white wines category for their 2022 Albarino (abv 15.95)

4. Storum Ranch Cider & Wine

Nate Marsh

In the white wines category for their 2021 Viognier (abv 13.4)

5. Milagro Winery

Thomas Egli

In the white wines category for their 2022 Chardonnay (Chardonnay 88%, Pinot Gris 12%)

And for their

2022 Sauvignon Blanc Musque Clone (Sauvignon Blanc 90%, Pinot Gris 10 %)

Roses

6. Pamo Valley Winery

Jennifer Lane

In the rose wines category for their 2022 Malbec Rose (abv 13.5)

7. San Pasqual Winery

Linda McWilliams

In the rose wines category for their 2022 Rosé of Cabernet Franc (abv 14.4)

Red Blends

8. Sierra Roble

Dave Lowe

In the red blends category for their 2017 Puesta Del Sol (Merlot 55%, Cabernet Sauvignon 25%, Cabernet Franc, 15%, Malbec 5%), (abv 14.3)

Reds

9. The Succulent Cellar

Josh Mann

In the red wines category for their 2022 Sangiovese (abv 14.4)

10. Milagro Winery

Thomas Egli

In the red wines category for their 202 Sangiovese (Sangiovese 89 %, Petite Sirah 11%)

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11. Cactus Star Vineyard at Scaredy Cat Ranch
Joe Cullen
In the red wines category for their 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon
(Cabernet Sauvignon 87%, Petite Verdot 7%, Malbec 6 %) (abv 14.1)

12. Rancho San Martin
Gary Boney
In the red wines category for their 2019 Syrah (13.9 abv)

13. Vina Ramona
Ben Payne
In the red wines category for their 2019 Merlot (Merlot 93% Petite Sirah 7%) (abv 13.5)
And for
2020 Petite Sirah (Petite Syrah 95%, Cabernet Sauvignon 5 %) (abv 12.7)

14. ZXQ Vineyards and Winery
Andrew Klotz
In the red wines category for their 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 (abv 13.2)
And for their
2018 Cabernet Franc unoaked



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Silver Amateur

Roses

1. Monarch Hill Vineyard

Dan Mathson

In the rose wines category for their 2022 Rose of Sangiovese

Reds

2. J4

Nicole Warady

In the red wines category for their 2020 Petite Sirah (abv 14.1)



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Silver Commercial



Whites

1. San Pasqual Winery
Linda McWilliams
In the white wines category for their 2022 Albarino (abv 3.3)

2. Storum Ranch Cider & Wine
Nate Marsh
In the white wines category for their 2021 Albarino (13.1abv)

Roses

3. Mia Marie Vineyards
Kiara Boccia-Fenlason
In the rose wines category for their 2022 Rose of Tempranillo (11.5abv)

4. The Succulent Cellar
Josh Mann
In the rose wines category for their 2022 Tickled Pink (rose of Sangiovese) (abv 13.2)

Red Blends

5. Mahogany Mountain Vineyard and Winery
Michael, Kim and Geoffrey Hargett
In the red blend category for their 2020 Make Love Not War (Syrah 50%, Zinfandel 30 %, Cabernet Sauvignon 10%, Malbec 10%) (abv 14.2)

6. Milagro Winery
Thomas Egli
In the red blend category for their 2019 Ballena Rojo (Cabernet Franc 44%, Cabernet Sauvignon 28 %, Merlot 28%), (abv 14)

Reds

7. Highland Valley Vineyards
Ray and Jeannine Schnorr
In the red wines category for their 2019 Petit Verdot 2019 (13.2 abv)

8. ZXQ Vineyards and Winery
Andrew Klotz
In the red wines category for their Cabernet Franc 2018 (13.9 abv)

And for
their 2018 Merlot (14.1 abv)

9. Hatfield Creek Winery
Elaine Lyttleton
In the red wines category for their 2018 Syrah (abv 14.58)

10. Sunrise Vineyards
Larry Graham
In the red wines category for their 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon (abv 14.1)

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Gold Amateur

Red blends

1. Rebel Ranch Vineyards

Michael & Marla Fryman

In the red blend category for their 2018 Rebel Ranch 50/50 (Petite Syrah 50%/Sangiovese 50%)

Reds

2. Riosotti Vineyard

Jerry Rios

In the red wines category for their 2020 Petite Sirah

3. J4

Nicole Warady

In the red wines category for their J4 - 2020 Reserve Syrah

Gold Commercial:

Whites

1. Mia Marie Vineyards,

Kiara Boccia-Fenlason

In the white wines Category for their 2022 Dry Muscat (13.1 abv)

Reds

2. Pax Ramona

Max Elliott

In the red wines category for their 2019 PAX RAMONA SANGIOVESE (14 abv)

3. Sunrise Vineyards

Larry Graham

In the red wines category for their 2019 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (14.1 abv)

4. Rancho San Martin

Gary Boney

In the red wines category for their 2019 Cabernet Franc (15.06 abv)

5. Vina Ramona

Ben Payne

In the red wines category for their 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon (Cabernet Sauvignon 90%/Petite Sirah 10%) (abv 14.1)

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Lum Eisenman Best in Show Award

Lum Eisenman was born and raised in Riverside when the area predominantly grew citrus and grapes. He was in high school in the latter stages of World War II, when a farm labor shortage led to him working in the citrus groves and vineyards. While a college student, he started making wine, sharing it with family and friends.

Later, he started taking courses at UC Davis and went on to study oenology (the science of winemaking) and viticulture (the science of grape growing). The Del Mar resident began sharing his knowledge, founding the San Diego Amateur Winemaking Society in 1983 and teaching courses and workshops at MiraCosta College. While teaching these courses he met and mentored many of the future winemakers of the Ramona Valley.

In 1999, Eisenman published “The Home Winemakers Manual,” which has been called the Bible of wine making for San Diego County vintners.

“Early on when this industry was just starting locally, most wine makers knew nothing about the farming or winemaking. The regional wine industry was still in its infancy in 2005. “Several of the new wineries at that point in time were taking classes from Lum to learn how to plant grapevines, how to take care of grapevines, and how to eventually get fruit. Many wine makers and grape growers were mentored by Lum Eisenman.

The RVVA recognizes his contribution to the region’s success with this best in show Lum Eisenman award for the best commercial and amateur wine.

To receive this award, the top-scored wines in each category were re-presented to the 12-judge panel and at that time the highest scoring wine took home the best in show award.

Best in Show Amateur:

Rebel Ranch for their 2020 50/50 Blend of Petite Syrah and Sangiovese.

Best in Show Commercial:

Mia Marie Vineyards for their 2020 Dry Muscat.