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CEDARCREEK ESTATE WINERY WINS ‘CANADIAN WINERY OF THE YEAR’ AT THE 2019 INTERVIN INTERNATIONAL WINE AWARDS

Acclaimed Okanagan Winery also Celebrates a Prestigious International Riesling Award

Kelowna, British Columbia (December 18, 2019) – CedarCreek Estate Winery is the winner of the **‘Canadian Winery of the Year’** title at the **2019 InterVin International Wine Awards**, with more than 1,100 wines entered from 15 countries. This is the third **‘Canadian Winery of the Year’** title for CedarCreek, and the 2019 honour caps off a momentous year as CedarCreek celebrates some of the most noteworthy achievements in its 32-year history.

The InterVin International Wine Awards recognize and celebrate the very best wines available to Canadian consumers. The competition’s rigorous judging process is led by some of the most respected wine writers, educators and sommeliers in the country. CedarCreek **won a total of 15 medals** for its portfolio of premium wines across virtually every category in the competition. In addition to the coveted **‘Canadian Winery of the Year’** title, CedarCreek also won **Gold Medals** for its [2018 Platinum Block 3 Riesling](#) and its [2017 Platinum Haynes Creek Syrah](#).

“As one of the original eight wineries in the Okanagan Valley, CedarCreek has championed quality winemaking practices and a vineyard-specific focus from the start,” noted Christopher Waters, Head Judge of the InterVin International Wine Awards. “If one were to look for a winery that’s emblematic of the dynamic changes afoot in the Okanagan Valley, CedarCreek’s renewed focus is a great case study.”

‘World’s Best Semi-Dry Riesling’ Trophy

CedarCreek is also making its presence known on the world stage with a key win at the [Canberra International Riesling Challenge](#) in Australia, the largest and most competitive Riesling competition in the Southern Hemisphere. At this year’s competition, CedarCreek’s [2018 Estate Riesling](#) won the esteemed **Wolf Blass Trophy** for **‘World’s Best Semi-Dry Riesling’**, and was awarded a score of **97 points** – topping its category and beating out more than 500 Riesling

wines entered from nine countries, including Australia, New Zealand, Germany, France, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, and China.

Commenting on the awards, CedarCreek Winemaker Taylor Whelan stated: “We’re in a constant state of evolution here. Our team continues to push the boundaries of winemaking and viticulture even further with sustainable practices that will improve the quality of our entire portfolio of wines. These awards clearly underscore that we are on the right path with our organic commitment in our vineyards and at the winery.”

Commitment to 100% Organic Farming

CedarCreek wines are taking their place alongside the best in the world as a result of a bold and long-term vision to convert 100% of the winery’s vineyards to organic farming. The results of this commitment are evident in the vineyards, with soils that are more alive, vines that are healthier and stronger, and grapes that have increased varietal character.

The 2019 growing season marks the third year of CedarCreek’s transition to organic farming. The winery’s Home Block vineyard and winery have now achieved official organic certification. The 50-acre Home Block vineyard — originally planted in the 1930s — produces several certified organic wines from the current harvest, including the Estate Riesling and Estate Pinot Noir. By 2021, all of the wines made by CedarCreek will be produced organically.

About CedarCreek Estate Winery

From its 50-acre property in the heart of British Columbia’s Okanagan Valley, CedarCreek Estate Winery is building on more than three decades of winemaking, and defining a new chapter with bright, expressive north Okanagan Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and aromatic white wines. The family-owned winery produces certified organic wines from its 100% estate-grown fruit. The year-round tasting room and Home Block restaurant, housed in contemporary farmhouse buildings crafted from fieldstone and 100-year-old reclaimed barn wood, offer visitors an exceptional experience in a serene natural setting. For more information, visit www.cedarcreek.bc.ca.

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