

ARTERRA WINES CANADA CLAIMS THREE PRESTIGIOUS MEDALS AT THIS YEAR'S SIX NATIONS WINE CHALLENGE

LAUGHING STOCK VINEYARDS SYRAH IS THE FIRST CANADIAN RED WINE TO WIN A TROPHY IN THE 16-YEAR HISTORY OF THE COMPETITION

Mississauga, ON (October 24th 2018) – Arterra Wines Canada's B.C. red wines bring home impressive awards at this year's Six Nations Wine Challenge. **Laughing Stock Vineyards** 2016 Syrah takes the top prize Syrah-Shiraz trophy, becoming the first Canadian red wine to win a trophy in the 16-year history of the competition.

"There were of course some surprises this year – Canada threatened to cause a major upset last year in the Shiraz category, narrowly missing out. This year, Christopher Waters took things one step further and Canada triumphed with one of the most hotly contested and sought-after trophies of the challenge – The Shiraz Trophy 2018. Congratulations to Laughing Stock Syrah 2016," said Ross Anderson, Director, Six Nations Wine Challenge.

Sunrock Vineyards also took a Double-Gold with their 2015 Shiraz and **Black Sage Vineyard** earned a Gold for their 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon.

Inniskillin Niagara Estate never fails to impress internationally, with the 2017 Riesling Icewine also earning a Gold.

"We are extremely proud of our winemaking and viticulture teams as their passion is represented in each of these bottles. It's exciting to see Canadian wines continue to prove themselves and shine on the world stage," said Paul Kassebaum, Senior Vice President, Winemaking and Operations, Arterra Wines Canada.

The Six Nation Wine Challenge is unique and one of the most prestigious annual wine shows in the world. The challenge engages one of the leading wine critics in each of the six nations; Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Chile and South Africa, to invite the top 100 wines the country offers for judging. The six critics then form the panel of judges that assess the 600 wines in Sydney, across 16 classes, to find some of the greatest wines of the new world producing nations.

Christopher Waters, co-founder and editor of VINES Magazine and head judge of the InterVin International Wine Awards is Canada's representative at the Challenge.

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Arterra Wines Canada, Inc. is the country's leading producer and marketer of award-winning, globally recognized Canadian and imported wines. The company has grown and evolved to owning and distributing 100+ wine brands, including seven of the top 20 brands in Canada: *Jackson-Triggs*, *Inniskillin*, *Sawmill Creek*, *Wallaroo Trail*, *Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi*, *Ruffino* and *Kim Crawford*. In the last five years, the company's portfolio has received over 1,500 accolades and awards in national and international wine competitions.

Headquartered in Mississauga, ON, Arterra Wines Canada, Inc. operates three commercial wineries, five estate wineries and over 1,700 acres of premium vineyards in Canada's wine regions. It owns and operates 164 Wine Rack retail wine stores in Ontario and sells wine kits and products for winemaking through its RJS Craft Winemaking brand. It employs approximately 2,000 full-time and part-time staff across the country.

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