



**Nine Wines Recognized with People's Choice Awards  
at the Petaluma Gap Wind to Wine Festival | Harvest 2024**

*Petaluma Gap Fans Return to Gambonini Family Ranch for this Year's Tasting Event*

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**Petaluma, CA – August 14, 2024** – The Petaluma Gap Winegrowers Alliance (PGWA) today announced the winners of the inaugural Petaluma Gap People's Choice Awards. On Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> fans of the Petaluma Gap American Viticultural Area (AVA) gathered at the 2024 Wind to Wine Festival at Gambonini Family Ranch. Attendees tasted from over 100 wines from 30 different wineries and selected their top choices for the AVA's three signature grapes: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Syrah, as well three other crowd-pleasing varieties.

“We introduced the People's Choice Awards this year to allow our fans and followers to express their excitement about the unique taste profile of the wines produced by our winemakers,” said Tom Gendall, Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Petaluma Gap Winegrowers Alliance. “It was a fun and interactive way to involve our guests, and based on the participation, clearly a popular activity, with hotly contested categories.” The winners of the 2024 People Choice Awards are:

**Best Chardonnay: Two-Way Tie**

Anaba Wines 2022 Chardonnay, Sangiacomo Roberts Road Vineyard  
Keller Estate 2021 Oro de Plata Chardonnay

**Best Pinot Noir: Three-Way Tie**

1467 Cellars 2022 Pinot Noir, Calesa Vineyard  
Sangiacomo Wines 2022 Pinot Noir, Petaluma Gap  
Toje Wines 2023 Pinot Noir, Sweet Lane Vineyards

**Best Syrah**

Gust Wines 2018 Syrah

**Best Other Varieties:**  
Brooks Note 2023 Albariño  
Toje 2022 Rosé of Pinot Noir  
Kendric 2022 Viognier, Petaluma Gap | Marin County

Also offered for the first time this year were two seated seminars, one on the Burgundy roots of Petaluma Gap wines, as well as a comparative tasting with award-winning wines from Sangiacomo Roberts Road and Gap's Crown, two iconic vineyards in the Petaluma Gap AVA. The seminars were moderated by wine journalist Dan Berger and Dr. Liz Thach from the Wine Market Council.

Festivities included passed appetizers from the renowned Girl + the Fig Catering, live music on the patio from singer/songwriter Clay Bell, samplings of cheese from Point Reyes Farmstead, bread from local artisan baker Della Fattoria, and olive oil from McEvoy Ranch, cookies from Cookie Take a Bite, and wine-infused chocolate truffles from Bert's Desserts.

The Petaluma Gap Winegrowers Alliance would like to thank the local businesses and sponsors who made this year's event possible, including American AgCredit (Presenting Sponsor), as well as Sonoma County District 2, TricorBraun Winepak, KRSH Wine Country Radio, The Drive with Steve Jaxon, Sonoma Media Investments, and Sotheby's International Realty.

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**About the Alliance**

Founded in 2005, the Petaluma Gap Winegrowers Alliance (PGWA) exists to educate members of the wine trade and consumers about the Petaluma Gap AVA and to increase awareness of the region's unique growing conditions and resulting wine quality. PGWA additionally supports member winegrowers and vintners within the region through ongoing programs and communications designed to help them maximize their success within the industry. The group's membership is made up of grape growers, wineries, associate business members, sponsors, and local community members with a passion for the region and its wine.