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SWEDISH HILL WINERY AWARDED SECOND EASTERN US WINERY OF THE YEAR TITLE THIS YEAR

Romulus, NY – May 29, 2015 – For the second time this year Swedish Hill Winery has been named the Winery of the Year for the Eastern United States at a highly acclaimed wine competition. California's Critics Challenge International Wine Competition awarded Swedish Hill with nine medals including three silver, two gold and an impressive four platinum, all for Rieslings.

Swedish Hill entered all four of its Riesling wines into this competition, and each of them were nominated for Best of Show which automatically awards them a platinum medal. The 2013 Dry Riesling, 2013 Riesling, and the 2013 Humphrey's Vineyard Riesling were all rated 94 points. The 2013 Blue Waters Riesling, which now has totaled eight gold medal or higher honors, was rated an astounding 99 points by the judges at this event.



Swedish Hill's Owner, Dave Peterson, was thrilled to receive the Critics Challenge results remarking that, "winning our second Winery of the Year award for 2015 along with this being the fifth such a title in the past four years is exciting for us. It is a tribute to the consistency of our wines and production teams as these awards are based on the combined scores of all of the wines we enter to each competition. The fact that all four of our Rieslings scored 94 and above is yet further confirmation of the Finger Lakes ability to be a competitive producer amongst some of the world's top regions. And while this region is a premium producer of Riesling, receiving high scores for other wines including Gewürztraminer and Cabernet Franc is an attestation that the Finger Lakes has become a truly world class producer of other varietals as well."

In the past four years Swedish Hill has been recognized as "Winery of the Year" from five esteemed wine competitions. In 2012 the winery was honored at the Riverside International in California, then in both 2013 and 2014 it was acknowledged at the New York State Fair Commercial Wine Competitions, and just this April it was awarded the Eastern US "Winery of the Year" at California's Winemaker Challenge International. These titles uphold Swedish Hill's reputation as one of the most award-winning wineries of the Finger Lakes and a consistent producer of nationally renowned quality wines.

The Critics Challenge awarded gold medals to Swedish Hill's 2013 Doyle Vineyard Gewürztraminer with 92 points and the 2012 Cabernet Franc rated 91 points. The three silver medalists were the sparkling Blanc de Blanc, 2013 Reserve Chardonnay and the 2014 Blue Waters Dry Rosè.

Swedish Hill Winery produces all of its wines at the Romulus, NY facility that was founded and remains in operation today by the Peterson Family. The Romulus facility include a tasting room that features 41 wine and distilled products, 22 of which are gold medalists. Customers can also taste Swedish Hill wines at two satellite tasting rooms located in Saratoga Springs and Lake Placid, NY. For more information about Swedish Hill's wines, awards, and tasting rooms visit www.SwedishHill.com.

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