

## Strength Of N.C. Wine Industry On Display In 2015 State Fair Wine Competition

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - North Carolina's \$1.7 billion wine and grape industry was on display this week as the 2015 State Fair awarded "best of" honors to local wineries. The state ranks 11th in wine production.

Best-of-category awards were presented to the following commercial wineries, according to the state Agriculture Department.

\* Best Sparkling: Biltmore Wine Co., Biltmore Estate Chateau Reserve Sparkling Blanc de Blancs

\* Best White: Cypress Bend Vineyards, Catherine

\* Best Rose: Childress Vineyards, Classic Blush

\* Best Red: Misty Creek Farms and Vineyards, Syrah

\* Best Fruit, Honey, Dessert, Other: Linville Falls Winery, Linville Falls Blueberry

North Carolina is home to nearly 160 wineries.