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ROOSTER HILL VINEYARDS HONORED WITH EIGHT MEDALS AT THE NEW YORK WINE & FOOD CLASSIC COMPETITION

PENN YAN, NY – Rooster Hill Vineyards is proud to announce that our celebrated winery has been honored with eight medals in the prestigious New York Wine & Food Classic, including a Gold Medal for our new Sparkling Cider.

Under the direction of new winemaker Paige Vinson, Rooster Hill on Keuka Lake also was awarded four silver medals and three bronze medals when the competition results were announced Aug. 11 at the Harbor Hotel in Watkins Glen.

Celebrating its 31st year, the Classic is organized by Teresa Knapp of the New York Wine & Grape Foundation, and is open to all 406 New York wineries. This year's competition included 893 New York wines, 20 Hard Ciders and 38 Craft Spirits from several regions across New York State including Long Island, Hudson Valley, Finger Lakes, Niagara Escarpment and Lake Erie.

The awards were based on blind tastings by 22 expert judges - five from California, nine from New York, seven from other states, and one from London. Judges included prominent wine writers, restaurateurs, retailers and wine educators.

The Rooster Hill wines honored with medals are:

- 2015 Dry Riesling, Silver
- 2015 Estate Riesling, Silver
- 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon, Silver
- 2015 Cabernet Franc, Silver
- 2014 Pinot Noir Reserve, Bronze
- 2015 Cabernet Franc/Lemberger, Bronze
- 2015 Silver Pencil, Bronze

“Our standard from the beginning has been excellent, high quality wines,” said Amy Hoffman, President and Co-Founder of Rooster Hill, “and we are pleased that this most recent recognition has confirmed our success. I congratulate our winemaker Paige Vinson for her great start at Rooster Hill.”

Often cited in the national wine press for its wines’ quality, Rooster Hill has won more than 340 medals in its 13-year history. For more details, call (315) 536-4773, e-mail info@roosterhill.com or visit the website at www.roosterhill.com.

Rooster Hill, which grows its own Estate grapes, is in the heart of Finger Lakes Wine Country in upstate New York. Finger Lakes Wine Country is the largest concentration of wineries east of California, boasting more than 100 wineries producing world-class wine. For more about the region, go to this website: www.fingerlakeswinecountry.com.