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ROOSTER HILL DRY RIESLING STRIKES DOUBLE GOLD IN FRISCO

Rooster Hill Vineyards' 2014 Dry Riesling won a Double Gold Medal at the prestigious San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition.

Billed as the largest competition of American wines in the world, the 2016 San Francisco contest broke all of its records this year with a total of 7,162 wines entered. The contest was founded in 1983 and has grown steadily over the years.

The event is the first wine competition of the year and entries from across the nation for the 2016 contest were judged in the first week of January.

To win a Double Gold Medal at the California competition, a wine must receive a unanimous Gold Medal vote by a five-member judging panel.

“We are ecstatic,” said Amy Hoffman, Rooster Hill president and co-founder. “To have our Dry Riesling selected for this high honor in one of the most respected wine competitions reflects well on all of us at Rooster Hill and our standard of quality.”

Proceeds of the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition support the non-profit Cloverdale Citrus Fair and help support wine and food education at educational institutions and nonprofit organizations in California.

Rooster Hill's 2014 Dry Riesling costs \$16.99 a bottle.

In addition to the Double Gold, the winery's 2014 Gewurztraminer won a Bronze Medal at the San Francisco competition. The Gewurztraminer is made from Estate Grown grapes from Rooster Hill's Catherine Vineyard. It costs \$17.99 bottle.

The competition will host a public tasting of winning wines from the contest on Feb. 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center, in San Francisco.

Often cited in the national wine press for its wines' quality, Rooster Hill has won more than 330 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.