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# **Texas Winery Wins Accolades in California**

*Earns Medals in Sonoma County Competition*

SONOMA COUNTY, CA... Circle S Vineyards of Sugar Land, Texas was awarded silver medals for two of their red wines at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Harvest Awards in Sonoma County. Circle S Vineyards is the only Texas winery to receive awards in this competition. The silver medals are presented for the Sangiovese and Montepulciano.

Circle S Vineyards owner Dave Stacy was elated to have his wines receive such praise in California. "The wine business can be very territorial," explained Stacy. "It is a wonderful affirmation of our winery to be regarded so highly in a Sonoma County judging. Some of the largest and highest quality names in the industry participated this year. We're honored that circle S Vineyards has joined the ranks of the selected champions."

Wines produced in all regions of the United States are entered in this unique wine judging. The Grand Harvest Awards define the best from American Viticulture areas and acknowledges the influence of terroir in wines.

"The months of hard work, concerns about weather and endless pruning are all worthwhile when the wine and the winery are recognized as winners," said Stacy.

Eddie Bandak of Café Natalie in Sugar Land says he is not surprised that Circle S continues to receive medals. "The fine wines produced by Dave Stacy are as outstanding as any wines produced in the world. This wine competition just confirms what we already believe about Circle S Vineyards." Restaurants in the Houston area are adding Circle S Vineyards to their wine list in response to patron requests.

"I have guests ask if we will recommend a Texas wine," says Vittorio's Cucina Italiana owner Mike Parente. "but they were not always pleased. However, people have been delighted with Circle S wines. We have very positive responses--especially about the Montepulciano made here in Sugar Land."

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To add to the honors awarded Circle S Vineyards, their wine label has also received an award. Stacy believes it essential his wine bottles are identified with labels communicating the quality and standards he expects. McDowell Labels in Dallas, who collaborated with Stacy on the image, submitted the label design to an industry competition and won top honors.

Circle S Vineyards is located just off the Southwest Freeway at Dairy Ashford in Sugar Land. "People are sometimes surprised that there aren't acres of vineyards surrounding the winery," says Stacy. "However, once they come inside and see the vats and barrels and take a tour of our entire facility, they realize the making of fine wines is our singular mission." The public is invited to visit Circle S for wine tastings and tours of the winery. The winery is available for events such as fine art exhibitions, private parties, corporate meetings and weddings.

The winery features upstairs living rooms with comfortable sofas in elegant settings with soft lighting, music and fine art by prominent Houston area artists. "We designed the winery to offer a relaxing and intimate place for people to feel comfortable," states Helen Stacy. "They can stop in to learn about wine, meet friends, or just unwind at the end of the day." Contact Circle S Vineyards at 281/265-9463, or visit [www.circlesvineyards.com](http://www.circlesvineyards.com)

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