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**Vinoklet Winery takes Best of Show, Seven Others Earn Best of Class  
at Ohio Wine Competition**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (May 26, 2015) – In a blind tasting featuring more than 240 Ohio wines, eight local wines took top honors at the 2015 Ohio Wine Competition, May 18-19 at the Kent State University Ashtabula Campus.

Two panels with four judges evaluated the wines. The **Overall Best of Show** was awarded to Vinoklet Winery for its 2013 "Brother Joe" Cabernet Sauvignon/Chambourcin Blend.

The seven Best of Class winners were:

**Best of Class: White Wine**

Ferrante Winery, 2014 American Riesling

**Best of Class: Red Wine (Tie)**

Valley Vineyards, 2013 Syrah

Ferrante Winery, 2013 Cabernet Franc Signature Series

**Best of Class: Blush/Rose**

Matus Winery, Pink Catawba

**Best of Class: Fruit Wine**

Brandeberry Winery, "Black Dog" Cayuga and Red Raspberry Blend

**Best of Class: Dessert Wine**

Gervasi Vineyard, "Sognata" Vidal Blanc Ice Wine

**Best of Class: Sparkling**

The Winery at Versailles, "Stampede" Concord and Niagara Blend

The Ohio Grape Industries Committee is housed at the Ohio Department of Agriculture and provides wineries a means to market their top-quality wines against well-known California and European wines. To learn more about the program or for a complete list of Ohio Quality Wines, visit [www.tasteohiowines.com](http://www.tasteohiowines.com).

Ohio's wine industry is growing and gaining recognition nationally and internationally. Ohio is the 7th largest wine producing state in the country, with an annual production of 1.2 million gallons or more than a half-million cases of wine.