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Cypress Bend Vineyards walks away with six medals at the Wines of the South Competition.

WAGRAM – Cypress Bend Vineyards in Wagram, NC continues to be recognized for its excellence, walking away as a big winner at the Wines of the South Competition held in Knoxville, TN. Cypress Bend won five medals in the competition including an elusive Concordance Gold for its Autumn red wine. The competition is open to vineyards across the southeast, south and as far west as Texas. According to Wine Business Monthly, this footprint allows for competition from over 650 vineyards.

In addition to the Concordance Gold, the vineyard was also awarded gold medals for its Campbell red wine, McNeill White and Roseneath Blush. Beyond the distinction of winning gold medals across the range of wines, Cypress Bend further distinguished itself by winning more gold medals than any other vineyard in the Carolinas or Virginia. In fact, its combined four gold medals outdrew all other Carolina vineyards combined!!

Not to stop there, the vineyard also won a silver for its Catherine wine and a bronze for its Isabel.

The Wines of the South awards continues the string of recognition that the vineyard has received this fall. Earlier in October, Cypress Bend took the N.C. Muscadine Cup for best Muscadine wine for its “Campbell” which also won the Best Red native grape entry.

The family-owned vineyard has won over 70 medals in the four years it has been opened. While awards are nice, medals are not the objective according to the vineyard owners. “I grew up in this land,” said Dan Smith who runs the vineyard with his wife Tina. “To us, the land is steeped in rich history, passed down through the generations since 1807. We wanted to work with the land and provide a reason for others to visit an area that is very dear to our family.” Hence, all of the wines carry a piece of the family with them. For example, Campbell is a reference to Catherine Campbell, and early matriarch of the family.

About Cypress Bend Vineyards

Cypress Bend Vineyards is located at 21904 Riverton Rd in Wagram, NC. In addition to the 35 acres of vines, the vineyard features a tasting room and a “veranda” - a sprawling patio with casual market umbrella-topped tables where guest congregate with friends or simply drench themselves in the Scotland County sunshine. The veranda is also a favorite venue for Jazzy Fridays, which features live jazz every other week, and other special events throughout the year. The vineyard is open seven days a week for tastings and tours and is available for weddings and special events. www.cypressbendvineyards.com. (910) 369-0411.

About Wines of the South

Wines of the South is an annual regional wine competition designed to promote and celebrate the great tastes of Southern vintages. For the past twenty years, the Tennessee Farm Winegrowers Association (TFWA) has held a wine competition that was also open to wineries in the states contiguous to Tennessee. With the creation of the Wines of the South Competition, all southern wineries now have a unique venue in which we can compare, compete, and promote one another's winemaking art! In 2002, the University of Tennessee joined the TFWA to help coordinate this new wine competition. Dr. Bill Morris, Professor of Food Sciences UT, is the competition Chairman. Wineries in fourteen states are invited to participate including: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.