

Winery wins Best Rose in Maryland Comptroller's Cup Competition

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Leonardtown, MD- Port of Leonardtown Winery, operated by the Southern Maryland Wine Growers Cooperative, wins Best Rosé in the Maryland Comptroller's Cup Competition. The Chaptico Rosé is made from 100% Southern Maryland grown grapes.

The Comptroller's Cup Competition is judged by professional sommeliers and restaurant buyers in a blind tasting. Close to 200 wines were submitted across the state and ten were named "Best in Class" in their respective categories.

Comptroller Peter Franchot presented the awards at a ceremony and tasting of the winning wines on June 19 at Catoctin Breeze Vineyard in Thurmont. Port of Leonardtown Winery took home two of the ten Best in Class awards. "Our cooperative of grape growers remains extremely proud of the top awards our wines continue to receive in each competition we have entered over the past eight years," said winery President, Patrick Isles.

"We modified our method for making our 2017 rosé, and the risk paid off! This pretty pink wine will make your mouth water with just one smell. It's bursting with strawberry and melon flavors and has a touch of sweetness which makes it the perfect wine to enjoy on a warm day on the patio," said winemaker, Lauren Y. Zimmerman.

If you want to taste this delicious winner, you'll have to move fast. Close to half of the 1500 bottle production was sold in the first two weeks since its release on June 9.

About Port of Leonardtown Winery

The Port of Leonardtown Winery is operated by the Southern Maryland Wine Growers Cooperative and is located in the picturesque Port of Leonardtown Park off Rt.5 on Newtowne Neck Road in Leonardtown, MD. Enjoy a tasting, then relax with a picnic and glass of wine on their newly expanded patio. Live music every Saturday and First Friday. Tasting Room open 7 days a week. (301) 690-2192. Check www.polwinery.com and Facebook for special event details.

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