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Upstart San Diego Winery Wins Gold on International Stage

Beach Winery Shows Well in NYC

San Diego CA – July 13, 2018 – The heart of Midtown Manhattan is where the upstart San Diego winery [Gianni Buonomo Vintners](#) won over the judges to earn a **94-point rating and a Gold Medal** in the [New York International Wine Competition](#). The winning wine was their 2014 Maestrale, a Meritage/Bordeaux-style blend of Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon.

“The judges here just loved it. It’s really an exceptional bottle of wine and an outstanding value,” stated Head Judge Adam Levy. “Our competition stands apart from others because our judges are a mix of restaurateurs, sommeliers, retail wine buyers, distributors and importers. The folks whose livelihood depends on their evaluation of wines.”

There were over 1400 entries from 24 countries in this eighth annual event.



“Ocean Beach is a universe away from New York City. To think that our little beach winery is winning awards on the international wine stage in New York is very cool,” exclaimed winemaker Keith Rolle. “It’s all about the grapes. Great wine comes from great grapes.”

Rolle, who studied Enology and Viticulture in Washington State, brings in fruit from the Rattlesnake Hills AVA just south of Yakima WA. Among the other varietals he brings to San Diego is Blaufränkisch. His 2014 Blaufränkisch earned a **92-point rating and a Silver Medal** in this same competition.

Both award-winning wines are currently available for tasting at the winery. They can be purchased in the tasting room or online.

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Gianni Buonomo Vintners is San Diego’s only fully-functioning beach winery. Just steps from the Pacific surf in the heart of Ocean Beach, Gianni Buonomo sources super-premium grapes from both El Dorado County CA and Washington State. Grapes are brought to the beach to vinify, barrel age, blend, bottle and serve in a line-up of truly exceptional, award-winning wines.

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