



FLAT ROCK

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FLAT ROCK CELLARS SCORES 97 POINTS & WINS TOP PRIZE AT WORLD'S LARGEST WINE COMPETITION

Flat Rock Cellars is pleased to announce that the 2019 Nadja's Vineyard Riesling scored 97 points and has been awarded the prestigious 'Best in Show' at the 2022 Decanter World Wine Awards in London, England.

The Decanter World Wine Awards is the largest and most influential wine competition in the world. This year the DWWA received over 18,500 submissions from 56 countries. The panel of 300 international wine experts including 60 Master Sommeliers and Masters of Wine ultimately select the top 50 wines for the honour of Best In Show. "It is truly a great achievement to be considered one of the best wines in the world" says Ed Madronich, Owner of Flat Rock Cellars. Nadja's Vineyard Riesling was Canada's sole recipient of the award and only the 4th Canadian wine in history to receive the highest honour.

Commenting on the competition's top accolade, Best in Show, Co-Chair Andrew Jefford explained, "By the time a wine is considered for Best in Show it's already come through its panel as a Gold, it's come through the second judging week where we find our Platinum's. It's already Gold to Platinum so it's a super wine".

The Certified Sustainable Flat Rock Vineyard is characterized by variations in soil, elevation and aspect that turn the 96-acre property into a complex patchwork of parcels, each with their own unique character and distinction. Madronich describes it as "a place of extraordinary possibility" and emphasizes the word possibility "because we're still learning, still improving and I know that the best is yet to come". The award winning 2019 Nadja's Vineyard Riesling comes from a 2.3-acre block planted in 2001. The shallow topsoil gives way to visible veins of glacial deposits that sit upon the region's signature dolomitic limestone. Perched atop the Niagara Escarpment, Nadja's Vineyard sits 100 feet higher than the rest of the property resulting in cooler average temperatures that increase hangtime, slows maturation and produces some of the best Rieslings in the world.

This DWWA recognition comes shortly after Flat Rock's other single-vineyard Riesling, the 2019 Foundation Riesling, received a Gold Medal, 96 Points and was awarded the Canadian White Wine Trophy at the International Wine Challenge: another globally recognized competition out of London, England. The success of Flat Rock's Rieslings confirms what Madronich has known all along that "the Niagara Region and specifically the Flat Rock Vineyard is one of the greatest places on earth to grow Riesling, as well as Pinot Noir and Chardonnay".

Only 435 cases of the award-winning 2019 Nadja's Vineyard Riesling were produced. It is available exclusively through the winery and purchasing is limited to 12 bottles per person due to small production and high demand.

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