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Biagio Cru Wines Awarded with Double Gold and Gold Medals at 2016 San Francisco International Wine Competition

Gran Gregoriano 2012 Red Blend receives Double Gold Medal and Berta Franquet 2010 Red Blend earns Gold Medal

New Hyde Park, NY – Biagio Cru & Estate Wines, a family-owned importer of fine wines and spirits from across the globe, announced its Gran Gregoriano 2012 Red Blend and Berta Franquet 2010 Red Blend received two of the highest recognitions at the 2016 San Francisco International Wine Competition – one of the most influential wine competitions in the world.

“We are incredibly proud that the Gran Gregoriano and Berta Franquet received the highest honors at one of the world’s most prestigious wine competitions,” said Darren Restivo, a principal of Biagio Cru & Estate Wines. “These are exceptional Spanish wines and the recognitions they received are evidence of their superior quality.”

The Gran Gregoriano 2012 received the Double Gold Medal (94-100 points), which is awarded to the very few entries that receive unanimous Gold Medal ratings from their judges, who describe these wines as the finest in the world.

Hailing from Campo de Borja in Spain, this wine is a rich blend of Garnacha, Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Aged for 12 months in both French and American oak barrels, it presents powerful aromas of fruit and wood-spicy, and pairs well with roasted or grilled meats, stews, hard cheeses, vegetables, or chocolate.

The Berta Franquet 2010 Red Blend was awarded the Gold Medal (89-93 points), which honors wines that set the standard for all others in their category and are the pinnacle of achievement in their class.

A blend of Carignan, Garnacha and Cabernet Sauvignon, the Berta Franquet is crafted at the Celler Sabate Franquet winery in Priorat, Spain, which is the top region for red wines in the country. The area’s warm and rough soils contribute to the wine’s full-bodied and silky texture. Aged in oak for 26 months, the wine presents a deep plum color and a complex aroma.

The Gran Gregoriano 2012 Red Blend is available for \$21, and the Berta Franquet 2010 Red Blend is also available for approximately \$35.

Now in its 36th year, the San Francisco International Wine Competition is one of the world’s longest-running international wine competitions and the largest in the United States, attracting more than 4,600 entries in 2016. Competition judges are established wine-industry experts, and medals have become a recognized symbol of high quality as well as an influential seal of approval for wine consumers.

About Biagio Cru and Estate Wines

Based in New Hyde Park, NY and founded in 1998, Biagio Cru is a family-owned importer of fine wines from across the globe.

Biagio Cru's stable of wines includes the perennially popular Lolailo Sangria, which has received the Impact Hot Brand award for the fourth consecutive year.

De Restia Crianza from Ribera del Duero in Portugal, has been recognized with 89, 90, 91 and 93 Wine Spectator point ratings across multiple vintages, as well as the much coveted "Smart Buy" and "Savvy Shopper" nods. It was touted as "one of the most impressive values of the year" ranking #26 in the Wine Spectator Top 100 wines of the year.

Biagio imports the Parxet line of wines, which features the Cuvee 21, the only organic cava from the Alella region of Spain, garnering a Wine Enthusiast 90 point "Editor's Favorite" rating. The Parxet line also includes a Reserve and a rosé called Titiana.

Herdade de Medeiros, from the famed Alentejano region of Portugal, also is part of the expanding Biagio Cru portfolio, boasting WE ratings ranging from 87-91 points and "Best Buy" and "Editor's Choice" nods.

Biagio Cru imports the full line of Tabali wines, one of the most prominent and highly-regarded brands in Chile today, hailing from the unique Limari Valley. Tabali wines have received superior ratings from the world's leading critics, Robert Parker and James Suckling, including a 94 for the Talinay Sauvignon Blanc, a 93 for the Syrah Reserve Especial, and a 92 for both the Tinto Reserve Especial and Talinay Chardonnay.

Biagio's newest import, Sloane's Premium Dry Gin, was awarded World's Best Gin, Best White Spirit in a unanimous verdict at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. The Dutch-distilled gin is hand crafted in small batches through a unique process that uses fresh citrus fruits and individually distilling each of the botanicals.

The wine importer's latest venture also includes Miodula Honey Vodka. Famous for its lingering taste of rich honeydew honey from the Cieszyn region of Poland, Miodula was awarded World's Best Flavored Vodka at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. The brand also received the prestigious Teraz Polska Award for its superior quality, and is now presented in a presidential bottle in honor of the Polish President, who offers the honey vodka as a diplomatic gift.

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