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### **Hickory Hill Wines Earn Five Medals in Virginia's Best Wine Competition**

**Moneta, VA 3/27/17** — Hickory Hill Vineyards earned five medals in the 2017 Virginia Wineries Association Governor's Cup® Virginia Wine Competition.

Hickory Hill Vineyards' 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon and Smith Mountain Lake (SML) 50th Anniversary Full Pond both earned silver medals. This is the fifth medal earned for both wines. Bronze medals were awarded to 2013 Chardonnay, SML 50th Anniversary Sixty-Six, and SML Mist.

"The 2012 growing season gave us amazing fruit and we crafted the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon using all that we have learned in the past decade," said Wendy Furrow-Scott, winemaker at Hickory Hill.

Now in its 35th year, the [Governor's Cup competition](#) ranks as one of the most stringent and thorough wine competitions in the country. Any wine made from 100 percent Virginia fruit is eligible for the competition.

The estate grown 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon also earned two gold medals in different Virginia wine competitions and two bronze medals in nationwide competitions. Full Pond has won an additional three silver and one bronze medal in national and International wine competitions.

Furrow-Scott noted that Full Pond is a new introduction to the winery's offerings. The wine is a twist on Hickory Hill's successful unoaked Chardonnay. It is made more aromatic and fruity with the addition of a bit of Vidal Blanc.

Hickory Hill welcomes visitors to its picturesque vineyard and tasting room year round. The winery hosts several outdoor events in the spring, summer, and fall, including the award-winning "Sunset Saturday" live music series. The next planned event is a bonfire to celebrate bud break on the vines, scheduled for April 22 and 29.

Details about all Hickory Hill wines and events can be found at <http://www.SMLwine.com>.

## **About Hickory Hill Vineyards**

Hickory Hill Vineyards is owned and operated by the Furrow family, who have been growing grapes at Smith Mountain Lake since the early 1980s. Hickory Hill Vineyards became Virginia's 75th farm winery in 2001. It is nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains on the east side of Smith Mountain Lake. The tasting room is in a farmhouse that dates back to 1923. The winery has received more than 70 medals in international wine competitions. For more information, please visit [www.SMLwine.com](http://www.SMLwine.com) or call 540.296.1393.