

San Francisco Chronicle Awards New Mexico's St. Clair Winery 'Best White Wine' in the Nation

(DEMING, NM) — Among over 5,000 wines submitted to this year's San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, there can be only one 'White Sweepstake Winner – Best of Class' white wine, and that's St. Clair Gewurztraminer. Produced by Southwest Wines of Deming, New Mexico, the Gewurztraminer won the highest possible award for white wines, becoming the competition's best white wine in the nation.

Phillippe Littot, the winemaker at Southwest Wines, draws upon his family knowledge of winemaking and a unique understanding of his craft. "We have always known that New Mexico can stand out nationally and internationally in the production of high-quality wines," he said. "We are extremely honored to receive the very prestigious San Francisco Chronicle Wine Sweepstakes Award. I think many people will be pleasantly surprised by our Gewurztraminer and our other award-winning wines, too."

Along with the White Sweepstakes award, six other Southwest Wines labels were recognized, with one bronze medal, three silvers, a gold and another 'Best of Class' for one of the winery's specialty wines.

St. Clair Gewurztraminer is an exceptional semi-sweet white wine noted for its tastes of ripe apricots and spice, with lingering hints of green apple. The wine is described as medium-bodied with a long finish, and is ideal as an aperitif, compliments fresh shellfish, toasted almonds and spiced desserts.

St. Clair Gewurztraminer – as well as many other varieties – are available from the company's website at www.southwestwines.com.