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David Bruce gets 'best of show' at Santa Cruz fair

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DAVID Bruce Winery was the big winner in the Santa Cruz County Fair's commercial wine judging, taking 11 medals and winning the "best of show" award for its 1990 Pinot Noir, Santa Cruz Mountains Estate.

The pinot noir from the winery on Bear Creek Road also received a double gold medal and was named best wine from the Santa Cruz Mountains appellation. The 1990 David Bruce Pinot Noir, Santa Cruz Mountains Estate, Reserve took a gold. Five David Bruce wines received silver medals; four won bronze.

Almost 120 entries

Nearly 120 wines were entered by members of the Santa Cruz Mountains Winegrowers Association, which sponsors the event. Wineries could enter any currently available wines, whether they were produced from Santa Cruz Mountain grapes or not. This year, 50 entries were produced from grapes grown in that appellation, the most ever. The competition, conducted by 14 judges from various wine-related fields, was held Aug. 16.

Winning gold

■ **Other double gold medals:** 1992 Bargetto Winery Gewurztraminer, Monterey County; 1990 Santa Cruz Mountain Vineyard Merlot, Santa Clara County, San Ysidro Vineyard; and 1990 Woodside Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Santa Cruz Mountains Estate.

■ **Other gold medals:** 1990 Hallcrest Vineyards Clos de Jeanine and 1989 Kathryn Kennedy Winery Cabernet Sauvignon, Santa Cruz Mountains.

Twenty-three wines received silver medals and 35 were awarded bronze, for a total of 65 medal-winning wines.