California's Jordan Vineyard and Winery shines as top north american winery on world stage

Sonoma County's iconic winery secures no. 20 spot in World's 50 Best Vineyards ranking, surpasses all others in North America

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Healdsburg, California - In a remarkable achievement, Jordan Vineyard and Winery has secured its position on the esteemed World's 50 Best Vineyards list for the second consecutive year. The announcement, made on July 12 during a grand ceremony in La Rioja, Spain's iconic wine region, has placed Jordan Vineyard and Winery at the No. 20 spot and best in North America.

Significantly, this Californian winery didn't just make the list — it emerged as the "continent winner," signifying its distinction as the top vineyard in North America. This honor is especially noteworthy given that Jordan Vineyard and Winery was the sole representative from Sonoma County this year. The only other U.S. winery to be featured among the top 50 was Oregon's Brooks Wine, which clinched the No. 28 position.

South America showcased its wine prowess, with an impressive six vineyards ranking in the top 10. Leading the chart was Argentina's Catena Zapata, a winery renowned for its exquisite Malbec production from Mendoza.

Reflecting on this monumental achievement, John Jordan, Chief Executive Officer at Jordan Vineyard & Winery, expressed, "Being recognized amongst the top 50 wineries on this globally respected list for two straight years is a source of great pride. Climbing to the pinnacle spot in North America underlines our team's relentless dedication to embodying the essence of Jordan and our drive to innovate and enhance with every passing year."

The World's 50 Best Vineyards list, celebrating its fifth year, is a brainchild of UK's prominent media conglomerate, William Reed. Known for curating the acclaimed World's 50 Best Restaurants and World's 50 Best Bars lists, the company maintains a meticulous judging process. The evaluation revolves around the wine quality, the holistic visitor experience, opportunities for learning about viticulture and enology, and pairing wine with gourmet meals.



Andrew Reed, Managing Director of Wine and Exhibitions at William Reed, emphasized the mission of this initiative, stating, "The World's Best Vineyards aims to spotlight wine tourism hotspots worldwide. Our findings indicate a growing trend where both local and international tourists are in search of immersive experiences, encompassing diverse activities."

Describing Jordan Vineyard and Winery, the World's 50 Best Vineyards portrays it as encapsulating "the spirit of France in Sonoma." The winery is celebrated for its deep-rooted commitment to the environment, safeguarding both flora and fauna. A testament to this philosophy, the founders, Tom and Sally Jordan, conceived the Bordeaux-inspired winery chateau half a century ago. Now, the estate stands as a beacon for land conservation, sustainability, and unmatched culinary experiences, featuring the Russian River Chardonnay and Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

Further amplifying the winery's culinary repute is the appointment of Chef Jesse Mallgren earlier this year. With a legacy of leading the kitchen at Healdsburg's iconic Madrona Manor, now known as The Madrona, for a quarter-century, Chef Mallgren's expertise adds a new dimension to the vineyard's offerings.

Visitors to the winery are treated to a range of immersive experiences. A highlight includes a guided tour of the sprawling 1,200-acre estate aboard a luxurious Mercedes Sprinter. Furthermore, members of the exclusive Jordan Estate Rewards loyalty program can indulge in an overnight stay at the French-style chateau, recently rejuvenated with a $1 million renovation.

For wine aficionados and enthusiasts keen to explore the complete 2023 World's 50 Best Vineyards list, the details are available here.