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## **TASTE OUR TERROIR 2018 PAIRING COMPETITION RESULTS --700 attended sold out event at Casa Real on July 26**

Livermore Valley, Calif. (July 27, 2018)— Judges Jim Gordon of *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*, Ellen Fort of Eater SF and Ian White of *Modern Luxury San Francisco* magazine tasted 20 gourmet food and wine pairings at Livermore Valley's Taste Our Terroir event on July 26 and selected the following winners:

Best Classic Pairing: [Mitchell Katz Winery](#) and [Atria Senior Living](#)

- 2013 Speechless Cabernet Sauvignon Blend, Livermore Valley (Mitchell Katz, winemaker)
- Wagyu Ribeye topped with Barrel-Aged Shoyu and fresh grated Horseradish (Chad Welch, executive chef)

Most Innovative Pairing: [Wood Family Vineyards](#) and [First Street Alehouse](#)

- 2015 VIVA Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley (Rhonda Wood, winemaker and owner)
- Curry Fried Chicken Frankie with Mango Chutney Aioli, Pickled Vegetables, Chimichurri Sauce and Fresh Cilantro (Tara Teetsel, chef)

Judge's Best Pairing: [Longevity Wines](#) and [BackDoor Bistro and Wine Bar](#)

- 2017 Pinot Blanc, Livermore Valley (Phil Long, winemaker and owner)
- Shrimp Aguachili and local Melon on a Chili Dusted Potato Chip with Avocado Crema (Lindsey Chelini, head chef and founder)

The coveted People's Choice Awards were given to:

Best White Wine Pairing: [McGrail Vineyards and Winery](#) and [Attraversiamo](#)

- 2017 McGrail Vineyards Kylie Ryan Rose, Livermore Valley (Mark Clarin, winemaker)
- Mexican Street Corn—Local Brentwood Corn, Mayo, Pimenton, Pine Nuts, Lime, Chives topped with a Spicy Chicharron (Alyssa and Anthony Roost, owners)

Best Red Wine Pairing: [Wood Family Vineyards](#) and [First Street Alehouse](#)

- 2015 VIVA Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley (Rhonda Wood, winemaker and owner)
- Curry Fried Chicken Frankie with Mango Chutney Aioli, Pickled Vegetables, Chimichurri Sauce and Fresh Cilantro (Tara Teetsel, chef)

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