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## TASTE OUR TERROIR 2019 PAIRING COMPETITION RESULTS

--700 attended sold out event at Casa Real on July 25

Livermore Valley, Calif. (July 26, 2019)— Judges Ethan Fletcher of *Diablo Magazine*, wine and travel writer Jill Robinson and Mike Dunne of *Dunne on Wine* tasted 16 gourmet food and wine pairings at Livermore Valley's Taste Our Terroir event on July 25 and selected the following winners:

Best Classic Pairing: [Page Mill Winery](#) and [Millennium Restaurant](#)

- 2017 Vintners Select Chardonnay, Livermore Valley (Dane Stark, winemaker and owner)
- Chilled sweet corn soup, crisp polenta crouton, herbed almond ricotta, smoked pimenton oil (Chef Eric Tucker)

Most Innovative Pairing: [Big White House Winery](#) and [Sauced BBQ & Spirits](#)

- 2015 Das Riko Syrah, Livermore Valley (John Evan Marion, winemaker and owner)
- Burnt End Rednexican Nachos: Burnt Ends with poblano queso, black beans, roasted corn, fresh jalapeno and a cilantro garnish, drizzled lightly with BBQ sauce (Chef Brenden Scanlan)

Judge's Best Pairing: [Cuda Ridge Wines](#) and [Campo di Bocce](#)

- 2016 Merlot, Livermore Valley (Larry Dino, winemaker and owner)
- Duck "Merguez" Sausage with Stone Fruits: Housemade duck sausage with toasted coriander, charred chili cream and an apricot relish, finished with a summer stone fruit Merlot reduction and epazote garnish (Chef Salinna Grant and Chef Michael Wogen)

The coveted People's Choice Awards were given to:

Best White Wine Pairing: [Longevity Wines](#) and [PlaYT](#)

- 2018 Pinot Grigio, Livermore Valley (Phil Long, winemaker and owner)
- Cajun Crab Cake Bite finished with lemon aioli and she crab sauce (Chef Spike Williams)

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

- 2016 GSM, Livermore Valley (Rhonda Wood, winemaker and owner)
- Gochujang Roasted Pork: pork seasoned with fermented soybean paste and other spices (Chef Tara Teetsel)

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