


TORII MOR WINERY NEWS - March 2023

Master Knight **Don Olson**, owner of Torii Mor Winery, announced that their 2021 Pinot Noir recently won "Best of Show Red Wine" at the 2023 Hilton Head Island Wine & Food Festival.

OWB Gentle Lady **Leigh Wilson** is now Director of Torii Mor Winery Operations, a new position.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DON, LEIGH AND THE TORII MOR TEAM!



Hilton Head Island Wine & Food Festival

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Congratulations are in order! The 2023 winners from our prestigious international wine judging are:

Best in Show Champagne - [Champagne Lanson NV](#) (Reims)
 Best in Show White - [Louis Jadot Estates](#) 2021 Chablis
 Best in Show Red - [Torii Mor Winery](#) 2021 Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley)

The Hilton Head Island Wine & Food Festival would like to thank [Torii Mor Winery](#) for participating in our 2023 International Wine Competition.

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**Torii Mor won
Best of Show Red Wine
out of ~ 3,000 wines judged
(including some French wines)**

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Congratulations!

On behalf of the Hilton Head Wine & Food Festival, along with our International Wine Competition Committee, we would like to thank you for participating in our 2023 Competition on Hilton Head Island. The success of the Hilton Head Island Wine & Food Festival relies greatly on our participating wineries which through the years have made our Competition and Festival one of the most prestigious on the east coast. Congratulations and please accept your letter about your award-winning wine(s).

Wine	Appellation/ Designation	Award	Special Award(s)	Notes
Torii Mor 2021 2021 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir	Applegate Valley Willamette Valley	Best of Show Red Wine		
Torii Mor 2019 Olson Estate Pinot Noir	Dundee Hills	Bronze		

In this, our 37th year of judging, our judges for the International Wine Competition judged hundreds of entries from all over the world. The festival's judges were hand selected for their expertise and contributions to the food and beverage industry. In addition, all our judges hold a certification from the Court of Master Sommeliers, Society of Wine Educators, International Sommelier Guild, or Wine and Spirits Education Trust (with many holding more than one certification). Many of the judges choose to return year after year because of the incomparable experience, interaction with other industry professionals, and dedication of the festival's staff and volunteers. Last, it has come to our attention that many people are not aware that the judging competition provides the largest amount of money to our scholarship fund each year. In the last eight (8) years we have given over \$120,000 in scholarships to students at local colleges for the Culinary, Hotel, Restaurant Management Training programs.

Once again, we thank you for your participation in this year's competition. We look forward to your future participation in 2024 when we celebrate the 39th anniversary of the Hilton Head Island Wine & Food Festival and 38th year of judging. Cheers,

Jeff Gerber
 Executive Director

