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**Harvest Fair Announces Esteemed Winners of Professional Food Competition**

*From appetizers and pantry items to bread and dessert—Sonoma producers are recognized with top honors*

SANTA ROSA, CA – September 14, 2023 – The results are in! To kick off this venerable [Harvest Fair](#) that has been showcasing the very best food and wine of Sonoma County for almost half a century—the judges have revealed the full list of 200 winners in their [Professional Food Competition](#). Ten of these local pro's have received the coveted top honor of Best of Show for their exceptional creations and are included below. Guests are in for a treat as they will have the opportunity to sample select bites of these winning creations during the wine-focused **Grand Tasting Event** on Saturday, October 14th at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person, and a VIP ticket is offered at \$150. Tickets are available now at [HarvestFair.org](#).

These winning products across 10 categories from several well-known and beloved local businesses came out on top as both Double Gold and Best of Show winners. In the **Bread** category, Nightingale Bread's **Forestville French Baguette** took the top honor. The **Specialty Bread** winner, **Rosemary Focaccia** also came from Nightingale Bread. Mangia Catering

scooped the top honor in the **Cake** category with their **Orange Olive Oil Cake** and **Rainy Day Chocolate** won the **Candy** competition for their **Dark Chocolate Truffles**. Cookie...Take a Bite! took home the win for their pretty **Santa Rosa Plum and Poppy Seed Thumbprints**. A **Brandied Pear Tartlet** submitted in the **Individual Desserts** category by Society Bakery and Cafe and landed on top as did Scoop of Sonoma's **Belgian Chocolate Ice Cream** in that category. A **Crispy Prosciutto Cup** from Out to Lunch Fine Catering, **Apple, Pear and Beet Salad** from Mangia Catering and **Dill Ranch Dressing with Fermented Cucumbers** from Golden State Pickleworks rounded out wins in the last three categories that included **Appetizer, Deli and Pantry**.

Along with food sampling opportunities, and wine tasting; the inimitable **Richard and Saralee McClelland Kunde World Championship Grape Stomp** is not to be missed! Cheer on the stompers and swabby's or grab a partner and participate. This popular event features teams of two competing for a grand prize of \$1500. Looks count too, as there is a costume contest included in this event. Those interested in joining in on the fun are encouraged to sign up before the fair at [HarvestFair.org](http://HarvestFair.org). This event takes place outside of the Tasting Pavilion, is open to all ages for watching, and there will be a Grape Stomp competition for kids at noon.

Families may also take a nostalgic cruise through the collection of classic cars on display outside of the Pavilion, thanks to the [Redwood Empire Regional chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America](#). Art works will also be on display and for sale by the talented creators from [The Art Workshop of Western Sonoma County](#).

#### [About the Sonoma County Harvest Fair](#)

The Sonoma County Harvest Fair highlights local agricultural, industrial and recreational growers, makers and crafters. From the Fair's inception in 1975, it has become a treasured event for Sonoma County and visitors from around the world. The Harvest Fair is considered one of the premier regional wine judging events in the country, and is an important showcase for Sonoma County's storied wineries, restaurants and farms.

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