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A winning wine earns a 'double' gold

LJ Crafted Wines, 5621 La Jolla Blvd., received a double gold award for its 2013 Patient Terrier Vineyard Pinot Noir at the fifth largest wine contest in the world, the Finger Lakes International Wine Competition, March 24-26 in Rochester, New York.

LJ Crafted Wines reports its Pinot Noir was the only Pinot Noir to receive double gold in this competition. A double gold is awarded when there is unanimous consent from the judges. Though the bulk of LJ Crafted Wines business is in filling growlers direct from the barrel via their patentpending Wine Steward apparatus, the 2013 Pinot Noir holds a special place in its history because half of the production was destroyed in the 2014 Napa earthquake. Tasting notes of the 2013 Patient Terrier Vineyard Pinot Noir include: Dark roses, wild cherry, spice, and clove on the nose with a silkily-textured, gentle palate.