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5TH ANNUAL VIRGINIA WINE SUMMIT

A sold-out crowd attended the May 16 Summit at the Boar's Head in Charlottesville. The annual event is a celebration of Virginia's wine culture and an opportunity for winemakers, national beverage professionals and wine writers to interact.

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OCTAGON

GOLD MEDALS FOR BARBOURSVILLE OCTAGON

Octagon 2014 recently took the Gold Medal at the Virginia State Fair, adding to the extraordinary list of recent honors:

- Finger Lakes International Wine Competition, Gold Medal
- Critics Challenge International Wine Competition, Gold Medal
- San Francisco Chronicle International Wine Competition, Gold Medal
- Beverage Testing Institute, Gold Medal, 92 Points, Cellar Selection
- Wine Spectator, 90 Points
- James Suckling, 96 Points, "Outstanding"

<https://www.bbvwine.com/>



NEW VIRGINIA DISTILLERIES

For the first time in 80 years, a small batch distillery will open in Fairfax County, **Falls Church Distillers**. The Paluzzi father and son duo will host a suite of premier spirits at the "Church", as they dub it, including Gin, Vodka, flavored variants and their specialty, Virginia Bourbon-Whiskey. They feature a wonderfully assorted Italian menu of classic eats. <http://fcdistillers.com/>

Charlottesville's **Ragged Branch Distillery** tasting room is now open to the public. Ragged Branch focuses their passions on producing Virginia Straight Bourbon Whiskey with a wheat based bourbon and a rye based bourbon. <http://raggedbranch.com/>



VIRGINIA CRAFT BEER CUP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

More than 240 brewers celebrated excellence in craft beer at the awards ceremony in Richmond on June 5. This year 356 beers in 24 categories were entered into the competition. The 2017 Virginia Craft Beer Cup Best of Show winners were:

- First Place Best of Show Smartmouth Brewing Company for Safety Dance
- Second Place Best of Show Old Ox Brewery for Black Ox
- Third Place Best of Show St. George Brewing Company for Summer Ale

For a complete list of winners, visit www.virginiacraftbrewers.org