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deVine Named BC Distillery of the Year at NY Competition

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May 9, 2018 (Vancouver, BC) - Vancouver Island's deVine Wines & Spirits was delighted to be named **British Columbia Distillery of the Year at the New York International Spirits Competition (NYISC)**, which was held in its namesake city on April 15, 2018. The accolade is only the most recent in a string of awards earned by the family-owned distillery for its handmade spirits, which include a selection of whiskies, gins, brandies, and more.

The recognition deVine received at the competition carries particular weight because the New York event is unusual in that all competition judges are real New York trade buyers. Tasting panels include industry professionals such as retail store buyers, sommeliers, hoteliers, and importers. Close to 600 spirits from around the world were judged blind in this year's competition.

Distiller Ken Winchester said, "Our team at deVine was thrilled to be recognized by industry critics, judges and buyers in a teeming, competitive market like New York City."

In addition to capturing the British Columbia Distillery title, deVine received high praise for its Genever Gin, which earned a Silver medal. Genever is Canada's only Dutch-style Gin, and competed with a number of global peers for the distinction.

The deVine tasting room is open daily 11:00am - 6:00pm. They can also be found at the Moss Street Market, James Bay Market and Peninsula Country Market on Saturdays, and the Saanich Farmers Market on Sundays.



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About deVine Winery and Distillery: Family owned and operated, deVine is dedicated to showing what's possible when you have a commitment to the local place and people, and a willingness to experiment. Located on Vancouver Island's Saanich Peninsula, the 25-acre organic farm and vineyard grows grapes for wine, grains for whisky, fruit for brandies, and botanicals for gin and vermouth. The farm also grows fruit trees, keeps bees for honey, and taps its maple trees for syrup. Visitors to the tasting room enjoy deVine's eclectic portfolio in a stunningly beautiful setting, with sweeping views of the surrounding farmland, Gulf Islands, and snowcapped Mt. Baker.

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