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VANCOUVER WINE REPORT 2025

Vancouver's 2025 Kitchen Party celebration was a raucous and joyous affair, an intimate gathering that felt like spending quality time with a few hundred of your closest friends. The best in show wine competition involved an eclectic collection of 17 wines all generously donated by British Columbia wineries, plus two ciders and one pilsener. Incoming National Wine Advisor Michael Godel led a cracker KP team of writers, educators and sommeliers, each of them judges at the WineAlign National Wine Awards of Canada: D.J. Kearney, Michaela Morris, Jenna Briscoe and Kelcie Jones.

It was truly exciting to have the crew present to launch the brilliant Ailm sparkling wines from Quails' Gate. Rowan Stewart, Angela Lyons and their team poured these prestigious traditional method sparkling wines, ten years in the making.

For Vancouver David and Michael sought out a who's who of gold and silver medalists from the National Wine Awards, the most comprehensive wine competition which David co-chairs each year with Anthony Gismondi. Along with the Ailm sparkling wines guests tasted Quails' Gates' Pinot Noir and Merlot, along with two other sparklers, the Fort Berens Blanc De Blanc and from Vancouver Island, the Non-Vintage Unsworth Vineyards Charme de L'île. There were four exceptional Chardonnays from Anthony Buchanan, Checkmate, Joie Farm and Tantalus, along with Plume Cabernet Sauvignon and Chronos Malbec. The bottles on offer were rounded out by cru-Beaujolais styled Apara Gamay Noir, rare Lakeboat Merlot and Terravista Vineyards "Figaro" from the Naramata Bench.

The Bronze Medal was awarded to Terravista Vineyards Figaro 2024, Naramata Bench, Silver Medal to Apara Gamay Noir 2023, Okanagan Valley and Gold Medal to Tantalus Chardonnay 2023, East Kelowna Slopes.