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**Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*
Honors Washington State's Quilceda Creek
with "Extraordinary Winery Award" at New York City Gala**

Snohomish, Wash. – Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*, one of the most influential wine publications in the world, named Quilceda Creek "Best Washington State Winery 2017" at its Extraordinary Winery Awards for the Americas gala in New York City on October 30. The gala was held in collaboration with Michelin Guide New York City's star award announcements for 2018.

Quilceda Creek vice president and general manager John Ware was in New York to accept the award. He took the stage to represent Quilceda Creek along with eight other industry greats who were recognized at the event including Harlan, Sine Qua Non and Marcassin.

"As our review team travels the world in search of wines to recommend to our readership, we have continually noticed that for every major fine wine region we cover each year there is without fail one winery that stands qualitatively above all others," said Robert Parker *Wine Advocate* editor-in-chief Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW in explaining the award.

The Extraordinary Winery Awards for the Americas competition recognized one winery in seven distinct wine growing regions: Washington State, Napa Valley, Sonoma County, California Central Coast, Oregon, Chile and Argentina. No more than three

nominees in each category were considered. Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker and the *Wine Advocate's* reviewer for each of the seven regions selected the category winners.

Wine Advocate has awarded Quilceda Creek a total of six 100-point ratings in the last 13 vintages, most recently in June of this year for the 2014 Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley and the 2014 Quilceda Creek Galitzine Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain. The publication previously rated Quilceda Creek's 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley 100 points. At the time the first two perfect ratings were awarded *Wine Advocate* wrote, "There isn't a Cabernet producer with this winery's track record for consistency." Over the last 14 vintages, *Wine Advocate* has rated the Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, an average 98.9 points.

Quilceda Creek offers its wines to private mailing list customers twice annually. The mailing list is currently closed, but the winery maintains an active waiting list and reviews its customer list regularly. More information is available at quilcedacreek.com.

Quilceda Creek is a family-owned and operated winery. Founders Alex and Jeannette Golitzin established the winery in 1978 with the goal of producing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon. In 1992, their son Paul Golitzin joined the winery intent on realizing his parents' vision by focusing Quilceda Creek's attention on its greatest asset, the vineyards of the Columbia Valley. Today, Paul oversees all aspects of winemaking and vineyard operations and is the winemaker responsible for all six of Quilceda Creek's 100-point wines. "This is an amazing validation of my life's work," he said.

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