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Dida's Distillery claims GOLD at Denver International Spirits Competition

Prior to Grand Opening, Dida's earns Gold Medals for Vodka & Brandy

Huntly, VA: Dida's Distillery located at Rappahannock Cellars, a renowned Virginia Winery, has won multiple awards at the Denver International Spirits Competition (DISC), including Gold medals for the Pressed Vodka and Vintner's Choice Immature Brandy. The Brandy, aged only one month in New American Oak barrels, is the first batch ever produced by the distillery. The Vodka, made 100% from Grape, is only the second batch ever produced. The unaged version of the Vintner's Choice Brandy was also awarded a Bronze medal in the "eau de vie" category. The official Grand Opening for Dida's Distillery is scheduled for April 14th & 15th, 2018.

Of the prestigious awards, Distiller Allan Delmare says, "We're honored to receive this kind of recognition on an international stage. It's a striking testament to the passion and expertise of our whole team. With 30 years of winemaking experience, we knew that distilling entirely from our wines at Rappahannock Cellars presented an incredible opportunity. But to earn Golds on our first batches, before we've even had our Grand Opening...makes it really exciting to be able to acknowledge that we're only just getting started!"

To launch Dida's Distillery (pronounced "did-uh's"), Rappahannock Cellars spent nearly three years planning and navigating the unique challenges of distilling from grape, ranging from permitting, to the unique logistics of wine making, and the timing of it all around one annual harvest where the fresh wine needs to be turned into spirits immediately. The name Dida means "grandfather" in Croatian and is tribute to the family's grandfather who established the family legacy of fruit farming.

Dida's is open for walk-in tastings Friday thru Monday, with its award winning initial lineup of Pressed Vodka, and a series of Vintner's Choice Immature Brandy (American Oak Finished, Tawny Port Barrel Finished, and un-aged "eau de vie"). Soon to arrive, a barrel finished Pressed Gin. You will have to wait a few more years though for the signature multi-year aged Brandy. For more information see www.DidasDistillery.com

About Rappahannock Cellars & Dida's Distillery: [Rappahannock Cellars](#) is a family-owned and operated vineyard and winery located in Huntly, VA. Dida's Distillery was added to the winery in Fall 2017, with a grand opening scheduled for Spring 2018. Dida's is a member of the [Rappahannock County Artisan Trail](#), [Blue Ridge Whisky Wine Loop](#), [American Distilling Institute](#), and the [American Craft Spirits Association](#).