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includes a restaurant and bar, second-floor lounge and bar, private dining room, event space, meeting room, outdoor dining, and state-of-the-art kitchen and catering facility.

**VF Law** welcomes attorneys **Michael McNichols** and **Victor Ramirez**. The firm recently moved into a new office space at 6000 Meadows Road, Suite 500, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, where McNichols and Ramirez are based.

McNichols has a quarter-century of legal practice, primarily focusing on trust and estate matters, real estate, and business concerns. McNichols's volunteer work includes prior stints as commissioner of the Clackamas County Circuit Court Arbitration Committee and president of the Canby Area Chamber of Commerce. He is admitted to practice in Oregon and Washington and is a member of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys and the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association. McNichols earned his law degree from Willamette University College of Law in addition to an MBA from Tulane University, the New Orleans school, where he also attained his bachelor of science.

Ramirez joins VF Law as an associate attorney. Ramirez's work at the firm's HOA practice encompasses collections, insurance defense, document drafting and covenant enforcement. He crafts optimal legal strategy via negotiations to achieve the desired outcome. He is highly detail-oriented and pays attention to new rulings and how these may affect clients. His history of settlement negotiation has instilled in him a respect for approaching the issue from all sides and seeing it from other perspectives. Ramirez, who is fluent in Spanish, earned his juris doctor at Lewis & Clark Law School and received his bachelor of arts from San Francisco State University, where he made the Dean's List more than a half-dozen times. He is admitted to the Oregon Bar.



**Walt Ramage**, partner at **NAI Cascade** recently earned his Oregon Principal Broker Real Estate license. The Principal Broker license allows Ramage to have a supervisory role in brokerage or property management which he intends to employ as NAI Cascade continues to grow.

Ramage has held his Oregon Real Estate license since 2006 and has worked in the Central Oregon market for the entirety of his real estate career.

Throughout his tenure, Ramage has achieved numerous accolades, notably clinching the COAR Commercial Transaction of the Year in 2014, 2019, 2021 and 2023. Despite his impressive track record, he remains dedicated to advancing in his profession. His pursuit of this advanced license exemplifies his commitment to evolving alongside the business he owns with partner Jenn Limoges, CCIM.



# Maragas Winery Wins Gold

## Wine Collaboration with Oregon Spirit

provided by **MARAGAS WINERY**

The San Francisco Chronicle announced its 2024 winners of their annual competition. This year, Maragas winery entered a port style wine called Porto Greco. Maragas made the wine using the traditional Portuguese method, some wine being distilled into brandy and back-added to the fermentation. Maragas stated he felt from his own senses and the reaction to others trying the wine that the wine would do well in competition — it did — Gold medal at the largest competition for American wines in the world.

Maragas stated that he was "elated at the gold medal results of our first collaboration with Oregon Spirit Distillers of Bend Oregon." Maragas explained that "port is an art." "While the wine ferments, the winemaker consistently tastes, looking for the final flavor and sweetness believed to be the correct balance when finished. It's a mental game, imagining what the taste will be after the brandy is added to the wine to stop the fermentation."

Keeping everything a Central Oregon endeavor, to make the brandy, Maragas brought his wine to Brad Irwin of Oregon Spirit to distill. Maragas is "grateful to have a talented craft distiller in our backyard to expertly extract the brandy from his wine." Maragas aged the port seven years in American Oak wine barrels and Oregon Spirit American Oak whisky casks.

If you like chocolate and wine, Maragas Porto Greco captures the essential essence of both in one beverage. The overwhelming result is "yum"!

Maragas Winery, Central Oregon's oldest winery, was founded in 1999, and is located ten minutes north of Redmond on highway 97 at 15523 SW Hwy. 97, Culver, OR 97734. Winter Tasting Room hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 11:30am to 5pm.

The results listing Maragas' Gold Medal for Porto Greco within San Francisco Wine Chronicle Competition can be seen online at: [winejudging.com/medal-winners/2024-medal-winners/2024-710](http://winejudging.com/medal-winners/2024-medal-winners/2024-710).



[maragaswinery.com](http://maragaswinery.com)

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