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BLUE GROUSE WINERY IN DUNCAN EARNS TOP HONOURS AT 2016 VIREB COMMERCIAL BUILDING AWARDS

NANAIMO, BC – A sell-out crowd filled the Coast Bastion Inn on April 21 for the 9th Annual VIREB Commercial Building Awards (CBA) as 40 finalists vied for top honours. By the night's end, Blue Grouse Winery in Duncan had walked away with the Judge's Choice Award and the Award of Excellence - Hospitality.

Over 70 projects in 12 categories were eligible for this year's CBAs, which honour the best commercial and industrial structures built in the VIREB area in the 2015 calendar year. By category, Awards of Excellence went to the following.

- Community: **Snuneymuxw First Nations Administration Building**, Nanaimo
- Green: **Milner Gardens & Woodland Shore Stabilization**, Qualicum Beach
- Hospitality: **Blue Grouse Winery**, Duncan
- Industrial: **Coldstar Solutions Inc.**, Ladysmith; **Eriks**, Nanaimo
- Industrial Renovation: **Arbutus Industrial Park**, Parksville
- Institutional: **Qualicum Beach Fire Hall**, Qualicum Beach
- Multi-Family Apartment: **4960 Songbird Place**, Nanaimo
- Non-Market Housing: **Hope House Residence - Brentwood College**, Mill Bay
- Retail: **Madrona Marketplace West**, Gabriola Island
- Retail Automotive: **Galaxy Motors**, Courtenay
- Retail Renovation: **Pleasant Valley Landing**, Nanaimo

The following buildings won Awards of Merit.

- Hospitality: **Comfort Inn Hotel**, Campbell River; **Sproat Lake Landing**, Port Alberni
- Institutional: **Comox Public Works Yard**, Comox; **Peerless Road Recycling Centre**, Ladysmith
- Multi-Family Apartment: **The Cannery – Seaside Living**, Cowichan Bay
- Multi-Family Townhome: **3 Leam Road**, Nanaimo
- Retail: **Green Rock Liquor Store**, Nanaimo; **Healthyway Natural Foods**, Campbell River
- Retail Automotive: **Island Chevrolet GM**, Duncan
- Retail Renovation: **The Broken Spoke Coffee House**, Courtenay

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An official souvenir book listing all the winners is available [here](#).

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