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Lucky \$1 Million Scratchers® Sold in Winters

A New Lucky Retailer is Made Along Putah Creek

SACRAMENTO – Winters Wine & Liquor at 192 E. Grant Avenue in Winters has made a cool new millionaire. The California Lottery confirms a \$1 million Scratchers game was sold in the Central Valley town known for its apricots and wine. Winters Wine & Liquor will earn the official [Lucky Retailer](#) status in a city full of California Lottery Lucky Retailers. Selling a winning game worth \$1 million or more also awards the retailer a bonus of half of one percent of the prize. For this prize, the bonus amounts to \$5,000 for the Winters shop.

“Winters is a nice little town,” says Parvinder Malhi, who owns the store with a partner. “We love the city and thank everybody here for supporting our business.”

Malhi says they plan to reinvest the bonus in the business and the community. When it comes to the mission of the California Lottery, Parvinder is all in.

“If it helps students, kids, and makes people’s lives better, why wouldn’t it be a great thing? Anything that helps people goes hand in hand with what we believe in,” said Malhi.

For the Winner’s Name, You’ll Have To Wait

The winner of the \$1 million prize needs to go through the standard claims process for big winners. Once they come forward, the



Parvinder Malhi, Owner of Winters Wine & Liquor.



process involves being vetted by California Lottery law enforcement officers to verify the legitimacy of the win. After the claims process is complete, which usually takes about 6-8 weeks, the winner receives their prize, less appropriate federal taxes. California does not tax California Lottery winnings.

The rigorous vetting process for any major win underscores the California Lottery's commitment to maintaining public trust and ensuring that prizes are awarded to rightful winners.

40 Years of Play and Counting!

[Since 1985, the California Lottery has fulfilled its mission of providing supplemental funding](#) to public education while paying more than \$90 billion to Lottery winners in every corner of the state. Out of the \$154.4 billion in revenue generated by California Lottery sales over the past 40 years, over 95% -- a total of \$147.3 billion -- has returned to local communities in retailer compensation, contributions to education, and prize payouts.

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$46 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight [draw games](#) and dozens of new instant [Scratchers](#) games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, [retailer commissions and bonuses](#), and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found [here](#). California Lottery is also committed to promoting [responsible gaming](#). Anyone who shows signs of a gambling problem, or knows someone who does, can get free, confidential help by calling the CA Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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