

2010 Old Ebbitt Grill International Wines for Oysters Competition Results

On November 8, 2010, a panel of judges convened in the Cabinet Room at the Old Ebbitt Grill for the final round of the Old Ebbitt Grill International Wines for Oysters Competition. Their task was to select gold medal winners from among twenty finalists. The remaining wines earned silver medals, and the bronze medal winners were chosen during the semi-final round a week earlier. An impressive 268 wines from all over the world were entered in this year's Competition. Within the United States, 130 wines were submitted from 7 states. Wineries from twelve other countries entered a total of 138 wines - Argentina, Australia, Austria, Chile, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa, and Spain. The ten gold medalists will be served with over twenty types of oysters at the 16th Annual Old Ebbitt Grill Oyster Riot held on November 19 & 20, 2010; last year, over 62,000 oysters were consumed by almost 2000 guests.

Our Distinguished Panel of Judges

Jose Andres, Andrew Dornenburg, Michael Franz, Jacques Haeringer, Paul Lukacs, Tom Meyer, Andy Myers, Bill Plante, Karen Page, Phyllis Richman, Antonin Scalia, Marguerite Thomas, Thomas Yannucci, Eric Ziebold

2010 GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Grand Champion

Sileni Sauvignon Blanc 2010
Marlborough, New Zealand

First Runner-Up

Laetitia Brut Cuvee NV
Arroyo Grande, California

Second Runner-Up

Glazebrook "Ngatarwa" Sauvignon Blanc 2009
Marlborough, New Zealand

OTHER GOLD MEDALISTS

Babich Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2009
Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2009
Babich "Black Label" Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2009
Nobilo Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2009
Kato Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2009
Santa Rita "120" Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley, Chile, 2010
Matua Valley Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2009

2010 SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Nimbus Estate Vina Casablanca Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca, Chile, 2010
Peregrine Winery "Mohua" Sauvignon Blanc, Central Otago, New Zealand, 2009
Niven Family Wine Estates "Trenza Blanco," Edna Valley, California, 2009
Avelino Vegas "Esperanza Verdejo Viura," Rueda, Spain, 2009
Hess Select Sauvignon Blanc, Lake County, California, 2009
Turning Leaf Vineyards Pinot Grigio, California, 2009
Brancott Estates Chardonnay, Gisbourne, New Zealand, 2007
Maso Canali Pinot Grigio, Trentino, Italy, 2008
Taltarni Vineyards "Three Monks" Fume Blanc, Victoria & Tasmania, Australia, 2008

Caposaldo Pinot Grigio, Veneto, Italy, 2007

2010 BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

Redwood Creek Sauvignon Blanc, California, 2009
Valley of the Moon Pinot Blanc, Sonoma County, California, 2009
J Pinot Gris, California, 2009
Duck Pond Cellars Pinot Gris, Willamette Valley, Oregon, 2009
Cono Sur Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley, Chile, 2009
Markham Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, California, 2009
Ten Sisters Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2009
Pedroncelli Winery "East Side Vineyards" Sauvignon Blanc, Dry Creek Valley, California, 2009
Villa Maria Estates "Private Bin" Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2009
Starborough Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2009
Lawson's Dry Hills Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2009
Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2009
Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2009

Countries and Number of Entries

Argentina, 9
Australia, 17
Austria, 4
Chile, 4
France, 14
Germany, 3
Greece, 3
Italy, 17
New Zealand, 45
Portugal, 1
South Africa, 5
Spain, 16
United States, 130

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California, 99
Michigan, 1
New Jersey, 2
New York, 5
Oregon, 8
Virginia, 2
Washington, 13