

2005 Wines for Oysters Competition Results

On November 7, 2005 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 404 wines from all over the world were entered in this year's Competition. Within the United States, 158 wines were submitted from 11 states. Wineries from 13 other countries entered a total of 248 wines-Argentina, Australia, Chile, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lebanon, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa, and Spain.

Our Distinguished Panel of Judges

Peter Abrahams, Michael Birchenall, Gerald Boyd, Traci Dutton, Michael Franz, Ronald Kessler, Amanda McClements, Tom Meyer, David Moran, Phyllis Richman, Sabato Sagaria, Antonin Scalia, Marc Silverstein, Amy Storch, Jason Storch, Thomas Yannucci

2005 GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Grand Champion

Jackson Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Marlborough, New Zealand

First Runner-Up

Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Marlborough, New Zealand

Second Runner-Up

Santa Rita Reserva Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Casablanca Valley, Chile

OTHER GOLD MEDAL WINES

Adegas Galegas Gran Vinum "Esencia Divina" Albarino 2004, Rias Baixas, Spain

Camelot Sauvignon Blanc 2004, California

Hunter's Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Marlborough, New Zealand

Linden Vineyards Seyval 2004, Virginia

Sacred Hill Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Whitecliff, New Zealand

Taltarni Brut "Tache" NV, Victoria, Australia

Wolffer Estate "La Ferme Martin" Chardonnay 2003, Long Island, New York

2005 SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Chateau de Sancerre 2004, France

Christian Lauverjat "Coteau Fruite" Sancerre 2004, France

Christian Lauverjat "Perle Blanche" Sancerre 2004, France

Giesen Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Marlborough, New Zealand

La Gitana Manzanilla Sherry NV, Manzanilla de Sanlucar de Barrameda, Spain

Laurent-Perrier Ultra Brut NV, Champagne, France

Mount Nelson Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Marlborough, New Zealand

Mumm Napa Valley Blanc de Blancs 2001, Napa Valley, California

Nautilus Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Marlborough, New Zealand

Seven Terraces Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Marlborough, New Zealand

2004 BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

Amity Vineyards Pinot Blanc 2004, Willamette Valley, Oregon

Besserat de Bellefon Brut "Cuvee de Moines" NV, Champagne, France

Ca'Montini Pinot Grigio 2004, Trentino, Italy 2004

Chateau Grand Traverse "Select Harvest" Dry Riesling 2004, Old Mission Peninsula, Michigan

Conti Formentini Pinot Grigio 2004, Collio, Italy

Coopers Creek Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Marlborough, New Zealand

Craggy Range Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Martinborough, New Zealand

Crossroads Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Marlborough, New Zealand
Dios Baco Manzanilla Sherry NV, Jerez, Spain
Dona Rosa Albarino 2004, Rias Baixas, Spain
Francis Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Marlborough, New Zealand
Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Blancs 2002, Carneros-Sonoma, California
Goldwater Estates "New Dog" Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Marlborough, New Zealand
Groote Poste Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Darling, South Africa
Jaume Serra Cristalino Brut Cava NV, Penedes, Spain
Jean Reverdy Sancerre Blanc 2004, France
Korbel Champagne Cellars "Natural" 2002, Russian River Valley, California
Lake Chalice Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Marlborough, New Zealand
Linden Vineyards Glen Manor Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Virginia
Monkey Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Marlborough, New Zealand
Mount Langi Ghiran Riesling 2004, Victoria, Australia
Moet et Chandon Brut Imperial NV, Champagne, France
Neudorf Nelson Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Nelson, New Zealand
Nicolas Feuillatte Brut Premier Cru, Epernay, France
Palliser Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Martinborough, New Zealand
Pascal Jolivet Sancerre 2004, France
Rodney Strong Vineyards "Charlotte's Home" Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Sonoma County, California
Sauvion Sancerre "Les Fondettes" Sauvignon Blanc 2003, France
Seifried Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Nelson, New Zealand
Sileni Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Marlborough, New Zealand
Taittinger Brut La Francaise NV, Champagne, France
Villa Maria Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Marlborough, New Zealand
Wither Hills Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Marlborough, New Zealand