

2006 Wines for Oysters Competition Results

On November 6, 2006, 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 395 wines from all over the world were entered in this year's Competition. Within the United States, 164 wines were submitted from eight states. Wineries from 13 other countries entered a total of 231 wines - Argentina, Australia, Chile, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa, and Spain. The ten gold medalists will be served with twenty types of oysters at the upcoming 11th Annual Old Ebbitt Grill Oyster Riot on November 17 & 18.

Our Distinguished Panel of Judges

Michael Apstein, Mariano Fernandez, Michael Franz, April Fulton, Kate Gibbs, Steven Greenwald, Erin Hartigan, Ronald Kessler, Paul Lukacs, Tom Meyer, Phyllis Richman, Sabato Sagaria, Antonin Scalia, Marc Silverstein, Marguerite Thomas, Thomas Yannucci

2006 GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Grand Champion

Cono Sur Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Casablanca Valley, Chile

First Runner-Up

Mills Reef "Reserve" Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

Second Runner-Up

Oyster Bay Wines Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand

2006 SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Giesen Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Marlborough, New Zealand

Ferngrove Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon 2005, Frankland River, Western Australia

Dancing Bull Sauvignon Blanc 2005, California

J Vintage Brut 2001, Russian River Valley, California

Lindauer Brut NV, New Zealand

Staete Landt Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Marlborough, New Zealand

Santa Rita "Reserva" Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Casablanca Valley, Chile

Castello de Gabbiano Pinot Grigio 2005, Delle Venezie, Italy

Greg Norman Estates Sparkling Wine NV, South Australia

Cantina Terlan Pinot Grigio 2005, Alto Adige, Italy

Naked Mountain Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Virginia

Frog's Leap Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Napa Valley, California

Lake Sonoma Winery Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Dry Creek Valley, California

Domaine Thomas & Fils "La Crele" Sancerre 2005, France

Yorkville Cellars Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Mendocino, California

Dry Creek Vineyard Fume Blanc 2005, Sonoma County, California

Emery Wines "Rhodos White" Athiri 2005, Rhodes, Greece

2006 BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

Beaulieu Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc 2005, California

Blackstone Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Monterey County, California

Brancott Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Marlborough, New Zealand

Domaine Gonon "Vieille Vignes" Pouilly-Fuisse 2004, France

Domaine St. Laurent Pouilly-Fume 2004, France

Four Vines Winery "Naked" Chardonnay 2005, Santa Barbara County, California

High Plains "Free Fall" Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Marlborough, New Zealand

Huia Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, NZ

Kennedy Point Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Marlborough, New Zealand

Kenwood Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Sonoma County, California

Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand
Monkey Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand
Mount Nelson Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Marlborough, New Zealand
Nepenthe Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Adelaide Hills, Australia
Nobilo Regional Collection Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand
Oyster Bay Wines Chardonnay 2005, Marlborough, New Zealand
Raymond "Reserve" Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Napa Valley, California
Redwood Creek Pinot Grigio 2005, California
Rippon Vineyards Reisling 2002, Central Otago, New Zealand
Saint Clair "Premium" Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand
Saint Clair "Vicar's Choice" Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand
St. Supery Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Napa Valley, California
Sterling Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Napa Valley, California
Tamar Ridge Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Tasmania, Australia
Tangent Winery Paragon Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Edna Valley, California
Tio Pepe Fino Sherry, Spain
Veramonte Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Casablanca Valley, Chile
Villa Maria Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand
Zaca Mesa Estate Chardonnay 2005, Santa Ynez Valley, California

Countries and Number of Entries

Argentina, 4
Australia, 34
Chile, 10
France, 45
Germany, 1
Greece, 8
Ireland, 1
Israel, 1
Italy, 17
New Zealand, 80
Portugal, 4
South Africa, 3
Spain, 23
United States, 164

OYSTERS FEATURED AT OYSTER RIOT XI

European Flat: *Ostrea edulis*

Wescott Bay Flat, Wescott Bay, WA

Olympia: *Ostrea lurida*

Olympia, Totten Inlet, WA

Pacific: *Crassostrea gigas*

Burns Point, Totten Inlet, WA

Penn Cove Select, Samish Bay, WA

Eastern: *Crassostrea virginica*

Beausoleil, Neguac, NB, CAN

Island Creek, Duxbury Harbor, MA

Katama Bay, Katama Bay, MA

Moonstone, Point Judith Salt Pond, RI

Nauset Marsh, Town Cove, MA

New Point Comfort, Dyer's Creek, VA

Pemaquid, Damariscotta River, ME

Pleasant Bay, Pleasant Bay, MA

Pickle Point, Hope River, PEI, CAN
Quonset Point, East Passage, Narragansett Bay, RI
Raspberry Point, New London Bay, PEI, CAN
Thatch Island, Barnstable Harbor, MA
Tomahawk, Menemsha Pond, MA
Watch Hill, Winnapaug Pond, RI
Wellfleet, Wellfleet Harbor, MA
Rocky Bay, Rocky Bay, PEI, CAN*
Sunberry Point, Sunberry Cove, PEI, CAN*

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