

2007 Wines for Oysters Competition Results

On November 5, 2007, 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 420 wines from all over the world were entered in this year's Competition. Within the United States, 191 wines were submitted from eight states. Wineries from 15 other countries entered a total of 229 wines - Argentina, Australia, Austria, Chile, France, Germany, Greece, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Slovenia, South Africa, and Spain. The ten gold medalists were served with twenty types of oysters at the 12th Annual Old Ebbitt Grill Oyster Riot on November 16 & 17.

Our Distinguished Panel of Judges

Jose Andres, Michael Apstein, Andrew Dornenburg, Robert Egger, Michael Franz, Kyle Gaffney, Paul Lukacs, Melissa McCart, Tom Meyer, Karen Page, Chip Reid, Phyllis Richman, Andrea Roane, Antonin Scalia, Tom Smith, and Marguerite Thomas.

2007 GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Grand Champion

Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Marlborough, New Zealand

First Runner-Up

Korbel Champagne Cellars "Natural" NV, Russian River Valley, California

Second Runner-Up

Seifried Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Nelson, New Zealand

Other Gold Medal Winners

Saint Clair "Vicar's Choice" Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Marlborough, New Zealand

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Langlois-Chateau de Loire Cremant de la Loire Brut Rose NV, Loire Valley, France

Staete Landt Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand

Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Marlborough, New Zealand

New Harbor Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Marlborough, New Zealand

Highfield Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand

2007 SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Sauvignon Republic Cellars Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Marlborough, New Zealand

Lake Chalice Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand

Huia Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand

Kennedy Point Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand

Seven Terraces Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand

Wither Hills Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Marlborough, New Zealand

Matua Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2007

Pouilly Fume 2005, Oliver Schlatter, Loire Valley, France

Westbrook Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand

Glazebrook Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand

2007 BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

Babich Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Marlborough, New Zealand

Bodegas Vinedos de Nieva Blanco Nieva Verdejo 2006, Rueda, Spain

Campanile Pinot Grigio 2006, Friuli, Italy

Cono Sur Estates Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Casablanca Valley, Chile

Covey Run Quail Series Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Columbia Valley, Washington

Domaine Trois Frires Muscadet Sur Lie 2006, Muscadet de Sevre et Maine Sur Lie, La Regrippiere, France

Ferngrove Symbols Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2006, Frankland River, Western Australia

Geyser Peak Winery Sauvignon Blanc 2006, California

Giesen Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Marlborough, New Zealand
Greg Norman Estates Sparkling Chardonnay/Pinot Noir, Southeast Australia
Grove Mill Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand
Ironhorse Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Lodi, California
J Cuvee 20 Brut NV, Russian River Valley, California
Lake Chalice Wines Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand
Linden Vineyards Avenius Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Virginia
Martin & Weyrich Winery Chardonnay Unwooded 2006, Central Coast, California
Mary Michelle Winery Mad Squirrel Chardonnay 2006, Greene County, Illinois
Meridian Vineyards Pinot Grigio 2006, California
Miguel Torres Santa Digna Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Curico Valley, Chile
Monkey Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand
Moulin des Vrillires Sancerre 2006, Loire Valley, France
Raymond "Reserve" Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Napa Valley, California
Rutherford Wine Scott Family Chardonnay 2006, Monterey, California
Slipstream Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Western Australia
St. Supery Limited Edition Dollarhide Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Napa Valley, California
St. Supery Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Napa Valley, California
Steve Bird Winery & Vineyards Ltd Bird Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand
Swanson Vineyards Pinot Grigio 2006, Napa Valley, California
Tohu Mugwi Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand
Tohu Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Marlborough, New Zealand
Vavasour Wines Ltd Sauvignon Blanc 2005, Marlborough, New Zealand
Villa Maria Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Marlborough, New Zealand
Waimea Estates Spinyback Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Nelson, New Zealand
Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Marlborough, New Zealand
Woop Woop Verdelho "V" 2006, South Australia
Zolo Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Mendoza, Argentina

Countries and Number of Entries

Argentina, 7
Australia, 41
Austria, 6
Chile, 9
France, 33
Germany, 1
Greece, 9
India, 1
Israel, 1
Italy, 28
Japan, 1
New Zealand, 67
Slovenia, 1
South Africa, 4
Spain, 17
United States, 191

States and Number of Entries

California, 158
Illinois, 1
Idaho, 2
Maryland, 1
New York, 2
Oregon, 5
Virginia, 6
Washington, 16

OYSTERS FEATURED AT OYSTER RIOT XII

European Flat: *Ostrea edulis*

Wescott Bay Flat, Wescott Bay, WA

Olympia: *Ostrea lurida*

Olympia, Totten Inlet, WA

Pacific: *Crassostrea gigas*

Canoe Lagoon, Blashke, AK

Kusshi, Deep Bay, BC, CAN

Snow Creek, Discovery Bay, WA

Eastern: *Crassostrea virginica*

Beau Soleil, Mirachimi Bay, NB, CAN

Conway Royale, Conway Narrows, PEI, CAN

Dennisport Whitecaps, Cape Cod Bay, MA

Flying Point, Cousins River, ME

Island Creek, Duxbury Bay, MA

Moonstone, Point Judith Salt pond, RI

Onset, Buzzards Bay, MA

Pickle Point, Hope River, PEI, CAN

Pleasant Bay, Pleasant Bay, MA

Raspberry Point, New London Bay, PEI, CAN

St. Anne's, Tatamagouche Bay, NS, CAN

Taunton Bay, Taunton Bay, ME

Wawenauk, Damariscotta River, ME

Wellfleet, Wellfleet Harbor, MA

Wianno, Barnstable Harbor, MA