



## 2012 Old Ebbitt Grill International Wines for Oysters Competition Results

On November 5, 2012, 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 258 wines from all over the world were entered in this year's Competition. Within the United States, 118 wines were submitted from 9 states. Wineries from eleven other countries entered a total of 140 wines—Argentina, Australia, Austria, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa, and Spain. The ten gold medalists will be served with over twenty types of oysters at the 18th Annual Old Ebbitt Grill Oyster Riot held on November 16 & 17, 2012; last year, over 73,000 oysters were consumed by almost 2,700 guests.

### Our Distinguished Panel of Judges

Jose Andres, Bart Farrell, Michael Franz, Scott Greenberg, Jeffery Hancock, Seth Hurwitz, Ris Lacoste, Paul Lukacs, Tom Meyer, Antonin Scalia, Brandon Skall, Anna Spiegel, Marguerite Thomas, Thomas Yannucci

## GOLD MEDALISTS

### Grand Champion

Wither Hills Sauvignon Blanc 2011  
Marlborough, New Zealand

### First Runner Up

Mount Nelson Sauvignon Blanc 2011  
Marlborough, New Zealand

### Second Runner Up

Sileni Sauvignon Blanc 2012  
Marlborough, New Zealand

### Best Sparkler

Stellina Di Notte Prosecco NV  
Conegliano Valdobbiadene DOC, Italy

### Best American

Estancia Sauvignon Blanc 2011  
Monterey, California

### Best East Coast

Dr. Konstantin Frank Pinot Blanc 2010  
Finger Lakes, New York

### **Best European**

Bodegas Vinedos de Nieva "Blanco Nieva" 2011  
Rueda, Spain

### **Gold Medal**

Spy Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2012  
Marlborough, New Zealand

### **Gold Medal**

Mud House Wines "Haymaker" Sauvignon Blanc 2011  
Marlborough, New Zealand

### **Gold Medal**

Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2012  
Marlborough, New Zealand

### **SILVER MEDALISTS**

Sparkling Chardonnay, Woodbridge by Mondavi, California, NV  
Albarino "Nessa," Gran Vinum, Adegas, Rias Baixas DO, Spain, 2011  
Pinot Gris, "Signature," King Estate, Oregon, 2011  
Sauvignon Blanc, Girard Winery, Napa Valley, CA, 2011  
Chenin Blanc, "Blue Plate," Picnic Wine Company, Clarksburg, CA, 2011  
Sauvignon Blanc, Robertson, South Africa, 2011  
Sauvignon Blanc, Nobile, Marlborough, NZ, 2012  
Sauvignon Blanc, "Vicar's Choice," Saint Clair Family Estate, Marlborough, NZ, 2012  
Sauvignon Blanc, Mud House, Marlborough, NZ, 2011  
Sauvignon Blanc, "Cellar Selection," Villa Maria Estates, Marlborough, NZ, 2012  
Sauvignon Blanc, Matua Valley, Marlborough, NZ, 2011

### **BRONZE MEDALISTS**

Sauvignon Blanc, "Metis," Pascal Jolivet, Hawkes Bay, NZ, 2010  
Sauvignon Blanc, Simply Naked, Marlborough, NZ, 2011  
Chardonnay, Oyster Bay, Marlborough, NZ, 2011  
Sauvignon Blanc, Heitz Wine Cellars, Napa Valley, CA, 2011  
Sauvignon Blanc, The Crossings, Marlborough, NZ, 2011  
Pinot Gris, Milbrandt Traditions, Columbia Valley, WA, 2011  
Chardonnay, Fox Run Vineyards, Finger Lakes, NY, 2011  
Sauvignon Blanc, Goldwater Wines, Marlborough, NZ, 2011  
Sauvignon Blanc, Frenzy, Wilson Daniels, Marlborough, NZ, 2011  
Sauvignon Blanc, "Saint Clair Premium," Saint Clair Family Estate, Marlborough, NZ, 2012

### **Countries and Number of Entries**

Argentina, 10	France, 17	Portugal, 4
Australia, 4	Germany, 2	South Africa, 7
Austria, 5	Italy, 13	Spain, 18
Chile, 14	New Zealand, 46	United States, 118

## United States, 118 Entries

California, 73  
Idaho, 1  
Maryland, 1

Michigan, 2  
Nebraska, 3  
New York, 12

Oregon, 3  
Virginia, 8  
Washington, 15

## OYSTERS TO BE SERVED AT THIS YEAR'S OYSTER RIOT

### **Olympia:**

Olympia

### ***Ostrea lurida***

Totten Inlet, WA

### **European Flat:**

Harpswell Flat

### ***Ostrea edulis***

New Meadows River, ME

### **Pacific:**

Kusshi  
Deep Bay  
Hammersley  
Stellar Bay

### ***Crassostrea gigas***

Stellar Bay, BC  
Hammersley Inlet, WA  
Hammersley Inlet, WA  
Stellar Bay, BC

### **Eastern:**

Beau Soleil  
Blue Island  
Canada Cup  
Cavendish Cup  
Chesapeake Gold  
Fancy Sweet  
French Kiss  
Lucky Lime  
Matunuck  
Moonstone  
Onset  
Pawaget  
Quonset Point  
Raspberry Point  
Standish Shore  
Thatch Island  
Wellfleet

### ***Crassostrea virginica***

Miramichi Bay, NB, Canada  
Long Island Sound, NY  
Malpeque Bay, PEI  
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Tar Bay, MD  
Caraquet Bay, NB, Canada  
Miramichi Bay, NB, Canada  
New London Bay, PEI  
Potters Pond, RI  
Point Judith, RI  
Buzzards Bay, MA  
Ninigret Pond, RI  
Narragansett Bay, RI  
New London Bay, PEI  
Duxbury Bay, MA  
Barnstable Harbor, MA  
Wellfleet Harbor, MA