



2011 Old Ebbitt Grill International Wines for Oysters Competition Results

On November 7, 2011, 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 233 wines from all over the world were entered in this year's Competition. Within the United States, 94 wines were submitted from 6 states. Wineries from twelve other countries entered a total of 139 wines—Argentina, Australia, Austria, Chile, Croatia, 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 17th Annual Old Ebbitt Grill Oyster Riot held on November 18 & 19, 2011; last year, over 73,000 oysters were consumed by almost 2700 guests.

Our Distinguished Panel of Judges

Jose Andres, Kelly DiNardo, Bart Farrell, Michael Franz, Pam Hess, Paul Lukacs, Tom Meyer, Andy Myers, Chip Reid, Andrea Roane, Antonin Scalia, Marguerite Thomas, Thomas Yannucci

GOLD MEDALISTS

Grand Champion

Jules Taylor Sauvignon Blanc 2011
Marlborough, New Zealand

First Runner Up

Villa Maria Estate "Cellar Selection" Sauvignon Blanc 2011
Marlborough, New Zealand

Second Runner Up

Wither Hills Sauvignon Blanc 2010
Marlborough, New Zealand

Best Sparkler

La Marca Prosecco NV
Veneto, Italy

Best American

Pedroncelli Sauvignon Blanc 2010
Dry Creek Valley, California

Best East Coast

Vino50 "Shindig" Vidal Blanc 2010
Finger Lakes, New York

Best South American

Santa Rita "120" Sauvignon Blanc 2011
Central Valley, Chile

Best European

Meinhard Forstreiter "Grooner" Gruner Veltliner 2010
Niederösterreich, Austria

Gold Medal

Vina Leyda "Classic" Sauvignon Blanc 2011
Leyda Valley, Chile

Gold Medal

Nautilus Sauvignon Blanc 2010
Marlborough, New Zealand

SILVER MEDALISTS

Sauvignon Blanc, Astrolabe, Marlborough, NZ, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc, Cannonball, Sonoma County, CA, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc, Goldwater, Marlborough, NZ, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc, Los Vascos, Casablanca, Chile, 2011
Sauvignon Blanc, Hanna, Alexander Valley/Russian River Valley, CA, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc, Lil Ripa, Marlborough, NZ, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc "Private Bin," Villa Maria Estate, Marlborough, NZ, 2011
Sauvignon Blanc, Tangent Winery, Edna Valley, CA, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc, Vavasour, Awatere Valley, Marlborough, NZ, 2010
Pinot Gris, Tangent Winery, Edna Valley, CA, 2009

BRONZE MEDALISTS

Gruner Veltliner Organic, Biohof Pratsch, Niederösterreich, Austria, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc "Reserva," Casa Silva, Colchagua Valley, Chile, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc, Clifford Bay, Marlborough, NZ, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc "Chasing Venus," Crew Wine Company Marlborough, NZ, 2010
Fume Blanc, Dry Creek, Sonoma County, CA, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc, Hacienda Araucano, Lolol Valley, Chile, 2011
Pinot Gris "Acrobat," King Estate, Oregon, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc, Matua Vineyards, Marlborough, NZ, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc, Nobilo, Marlborough, NZ, 2011
Sauvignon Blanc, "Vicar's Choice," Saint Clair, Marlborough, NZ, 2011
Sauvignon Blanc, Seifried, Nelson, NZ, 2011
Sauvignon Blanc, Shooting Star, Lake County, CA, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc, Spy Valley Marlborough, NZ, 2011
Sauvignon Blanc, Ten Sisters Marlborough, NZ, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc, The Crossings, Awatere Valley, Marlborough, NZ, 2011
Sauvignon Blanc, Twin Islands, Marlborough, NZ, 2011
Sauvignon Blanc "Cellar Selection," Villa Maria Estate, Marlborough, NZ, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc "Taylors Pass," Villa Maria Estate, Marlborough, NZ, 2010
Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau River, Marlborough, NZ, 2010

Countries and Number of Entries

Argentina, 10	France, 27	South Africa, 3
Australia, 4	Germany, 1	Spain, 12
Austria, 3	Italy, 13	United States, 94
Chile, 14	New Zealand, 49	
Croatia, 1	Portugal, 2	

United States, 94 Entries

California, 69	New York, 3	Virginia, 5
New Jersey, 2	Oregon, 9	Washington, 6

OYSTERS TO BE SERVED AT THIS YEAR'S OYSTER RIOT

Olympia:

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Ostrea lurida

Totten Inlet, WA

European Flat:

Harpswell Flat

Ostrea edulis

New Meadows River, ME

Pacific:

Kusshi

Deer Creek

Penn Cove Select

Crassostrea gigas

Stellar Bay, BC

Hammersley Inlet, WA

Samish Bay, WA

Eastern:

Beau Soleil

Blue Island

East Beach Blonde

Eastham

Fancy Sweet

Mayflower Point

Onset

Raspberry Point

Salt Pond Select

Shiny Sea

Thatch Island

Washburn Island

Watch Hill

Wellfleet

Little Island

Wiley Point

Cedar Point

Wianno

Crassostrea virginica

Miramichi Bay, NB, Canada

Long Island Sound, NY

Ninigret Pond, RI

Cape Cod Bay, MA

Caraquet Bay, NB, Canada

Dennisport, MA

Buzzards Bay, MA

New London Bay, PEI

Point Judith Pond, RI

New London Bay, PEI

Barnstable Harbor, MA

Falmouth, MA

Winnapaug Pond, RI

Wellfleet Harbor, MA

Bagaduce River, ME

Damariscotta River, ME

Point Judith Pond, RI

Barnstable Harbor, MA