



2008 Old Ebbitt Grill International Wines for Oysters Competition Results

On November 10, 2008, 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 304 wines from all over the world were entered in this year's Competition. Within the United States, 140 wines were submitted from seven states. Wineries from 10 other countries entered a total of 163 wines—Argentina, Australia, Austria, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa, and Spain. The ten gold medalists were served with over twenty types of oysters at the 14th Annual Old Ebbitt Grill Oyster Riot held on November 21 & 22; over 61,000 oysters were consumed by almost 2000 guests.

Our Distinguished Panel of Judges

Mary Beth Albright, David Bradt, Bart Farrell, Kyle Gaffney, John Keshishian, Paul Lukacs, Kelly Magyarics, Vic Matus, Nycci Nellis, Antonin Scalia, Marguerite Thomas, Mike Walter, Thomas Yannucci, Eve Zibart.

2008 GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Grand Champion

Saint Clair "Vicar's Choice" Sauvignon Blanc 2008
Marlborough, New Zealand \$16

First Runner-Up

J Cuvee 20 Brut, J Vineyards and Winery NV
Russian River Valley, California \$34

Second Runner-Up

Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc 2008
Marlborough, New Zealand \$16

OTHER GOLD MEDALISTS

Spy Valley Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2008	\$19
Domaine du Tariquet Sauvignon, Gascogne, France, 2007	\$11
Backsberg Chenin Blanc, Paarl, South Africa, 2007	\$13
Sileni Cellar Selection Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2008	\$16
Brancott Letter Series Brancott "B" Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2008	\$26
Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2008	\$19
Babich Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2008	\$14



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2008 SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Mud House Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2008	\$15
Firestone Sauvignon Blanc, Santa Ynez, CA, 2007	\$13
Veramonte Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca, Chile, 2008	\$10
Nimbus Estate Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca, Chile, 2008	\$13
Cono Sur "Bicycle" Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca, Chile, 2008	\$10
Dancing Bull Sauvignon Blanc, California, 2007	\$12
Longboard Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, Russian River Valley, CA 2007	\$18
Caposaldo Pinot Grigio, Veneto, Italy, 2007	\$10
Coopers Creek Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2008	\$14
West Brook Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2006	\$19

2008 BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

Mud House Swan Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2008	\$15
Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio, Trentino, Italy, 2007	\$8
Hacienda Araucano Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley, Chile, 2008	\$13
Domaine Herve Seguin Pouilly Fume, Loire Valley, France, 2006	\$29
Clos du Bois Sauvignon Blanc 2005, North Coast, California, 2007	\$14
Wolffer Estate La Ferme Martin Chardonnay, The Hamptons, Long Island, NY, 2005	\$18
Horton Viognier, Orange County, Virginia, 2007	\$16
Emiliana Natura Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca, Chile, 2007	\$11
Emiliana Natura Chardonnay, Casablanca, Chile, 2006	\$11
Rosedale Wines Cat Amongst the Pigeons Riesling, Barossa Valley, Australia, 2008	\$15
Domaine des Berthiers Pouilly Fume, Loire Valley, France, 2006	\$18
Stellenbosch Sauvignon Blanc South Africa, 2007	\$20
Bonnet Vignerons Les Dabinieres Eco Muscadet Sur Lie, Muscadet Sevre et Maine, France, 2007	\$15
Abacela, Albarino, Umpqua Valley, Oregon, 2007	\$23
Milbrandt Pinot Gris, Columbia Valley, Washington, 2007	\$13
Hall Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, California, 2007	\$19
Taltarni Brut Tache Sparkling Rose, Victoria, Australia, NV	\$22
Seifried Estate Sauvignon Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, 2008	\$19
The Crossings Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2008	\$16
Nobilo Regional Collection Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2008	\$14
Matua Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2008	\$13
Villa Maria Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2008	\$15



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Bird Winery Sauvignon Blanc School House Vineyard, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2007	\$20
Huia Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2007	\$20
Starborough Sauvignon, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2007	\$13

Countries and Number of Entries

Argentina, 8	France, 22	South Africa, 7
Australia, 36	Germany, 4	Spain, 8
Austria, 1	Italy, 28	United States, 140
Chile, 12	New Zealand, 38	

United States, 140 Entries

California, 114	Oregon, 12	Washington, 2
New Jersey, 2	Rhode Island, 1	
New York, 3	Virginia, 6	

Oysters Served at the Oyster Riot

Olympia (*Ostrea lurida*)

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Pacific (*Crassostrea gigas*)

Evening Cove (Deep Bay, BC)

Otter Cove (Discovery Bay, WA)

Quilcene (Quilcene Bay, WA)

Eastern (*Crassostrea virginica*)

Barcat (York River, VA)

Beavertail (Narragansett Bay, RI)

Blackberry Point (Foxley River, PEI)

Cape Breton (North Harbor, NS)

Chincoteague (Chincoteague Bay, VA)

Lucky Lime (New London Bay, PEI)

Martha's Vineyard (Cape Cod Bay, MA)

Matunuck (Potter Pond, RI)

Quonset Point (Narragansett Bay, RI)

Rome Point (Narragansett Bay, RI)

Salt Aire (Northumberland Strait, PEI)

Summerside (Bedeque Bay, PEI)

Wawenauk (Muscongus Bay, ME)

Whale Rock (Mystic River, CT)

Wiley Point (Damariscotta River, ME)

Onset (Buzzards Bay, MA)

Thatch Island (Barnstable Harbor)