



## **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