



About the Wine Competitions

11TH ANNUAL BEST OF THE BEST CALIFORNIA VALUES

Forest Glen

Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

“We blind tasted 92
wines... They [the best]
are solid, balanced,
tasty...wines that marry
well with food. They
exhibit rounded fruit,
with soft spice and some
oak...These wines offer
easy flavors upfront
and invite a second
glass, one of the best
recommendations any
value wine can receive.
The prices are right.
In these inflationary
times, these wines never
looked so good.”

— *Quarterly Review of
Wines*, Summer 2009

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE (Cloverdale, CA): In 2009, 4,736 wines competed in “The largest competition of American wines in the world.”

NATIONAL WOMEN'S (Santa Rosa, CA): The first and only U.S.-based wine competition judged solely by women wine professionals.

LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL (Los Angeles, CA): 2009 marked the 70th year of what *USA Today* calls one of the Top 5 wine competitions in the U.S.

JERRY D. MEAD'S NEW WORLD INTERNATIONAL (Ontario, CA): Founded by the late columnist Jerry Mead, this double-blind judging compares the best wines from each price class.

WEST COAST (Sonoma, CA): Produced by *Vineyard & Winery Management*, this competition attracts entries from the western U.S. and Australasia.

TASTERS GUILD INTERNATIONAL (Grand Rapids, MI): Forty judges reviewed more than 2,100 wines from 13 countries in 2009.

PACIFIC RIM INTERNATIONAL (Orange County, CA): Experts from academia and the trade judged 2,000+ entries from the Americas, Australia, and New Zealand.

CRITICS CHALLENGE INTERNATIONAL (San Diego, CA): A six-year old competition judged by many of America's most accomplished wine journalists.

HILTON HEAD INTERNATIONAL (Hilton Head Island, SC): Held each February since 1985, this is one of the largest outdoor tastings on the East Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL (San Francisco, CA): A prestigious panel of 44 wine experts evaluated 4,000+ wines at the 28th annual contest.

INTERNATIONAL EASTERN (Watkins Glen, NY): This well-known event typically involves over 2,200 wines from 16 countries.

ORANGE COUNTY FAIR (Orange County, CA): A double-blind contest for the best California wines.

RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL (Riverside, CA): In 2009, 48 judges evaluated 1,883 wines from Europe, South Africa, Australasia and the Americas.

CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR (Sacramento, CA): Started in 1855, this is North America's oldest wine competition.

MONTEREY INT'L (Salinas, CA): Established in 1994 and open to all wine producing areas worldwide.

SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL (San Diego, CA): In 2009, at the 26th annual event, 33 wine professionals evaluated varietal character and component balance as much as power.

LODI INT'L (Lodi, CA): The first competition to take into account differences in consumer palate sensitivity.

LONG BEACH GRAND CRU (Long Beach, CA): Originated in 1988, this international competition in aid of the Legal Aid Foundation is one of the fastest growing professionally judged wine events on the West Coast.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS (Dallas, TX): 2009 marked the 25th year of the largest commercial wine competition outside of California; 56 experts judged 3,146 wines.

2006
Merlot

GOLD MEDAL
Orange County Fair
Wine Competition

SILVER MEDALS
Dallas Morning News,
San Francisco
Chronicle,
Pacific Rim
International,
West Coast,
& San Diego
International
Wine
Competitions



2007
Riesling

SILVER MEDAL
Long Beach Grand
Cru & Los Angeles
International Wine
Competition

*“Floral aromatics
and delectable
peach and
apricot
fruit star in
this clean,
fresh-tasting
Riesling.”*
— Winemaker
Ed Moody



2007
Magenta Rosé

DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL
Lodi Int'l Wine Comp.

GOLD MEDAL
San Francisco
Chronicle Wine Comp.

SILVER MEDALS
Tasters Guild
Int'l, L.A. Int'l,
Orange Co.
Fair, West
Coast, Int'l
Eastern, &
Pacific Rim
Int'l Wine
Competitions



2007
Chardonnay

SILVER MEDALS
International
Eastern, Dallas
Morning News,
National Women's,
Los Angeles
International,
San Francisco
International,
California
State Fair &
Monterey
Wine
Competitions



2008
White Merlot

GOLD MEDAL/
BEST OF CLASS
CA State Fair Wine Comp.

GOLD MEDALS
San Diego Int'l &
Orange Co. Fair
Comps.

SILVER MEDALS
Dallas Morning
News, Tasters
Guild Int'l, West
Coast, Nat.
Women's, &
Riverside Int'l
Wine Comps.



2005
Cabernet Sauvignon

SILVER MEDALS
Hilton Head
International, Tasters
Guild International,
& San Francisco
Chronicle Wine
Competitions



2008
Pinot Grigio

GOLD MEDALS
Critics Challenge
Int'l & Monterey Wine
Competitions

SILVER MEDALS
International
Eastern,
Long Beach
Grand Cru,
California
State Fair,
& Orange
County
Fair Wine
Competitions



2008
Gewürztraminer

SILVER MEDAL
Critics Challenge
International Wine
Competition

*“This rich-
textured,
semi-sweet
Gewürztraminer
offers fragrant
aromas of
orange blossom
and spice.”*
— Winemaker
Ed Moody



2008
Pinot Noir

GOLD MEDAL
Tasters Guild Int'l
Wine Judging

SILVER MEDALS
National Women's,
California
State Fair,
Long Beach
Grand Cru,
& Critics
Challenge
International
Wine
Competitions



2004
Shiraz

SILVER MEDAL
California State Fair
Wine Competition

*“A wine distinguished
by subtle spice,
generous plum
and blackberry
flavors, refined
tannins, and
a lingering
finish.”*
— Winemaker
Ed Moody



2008
Sauvignon Blanc

*“Melon and kiwi
flavors shine against
a subtly herbaceous
background; a small
addition of Sémillon
lends a hint of
spice; and crisp
acidity ensures
a wealth of
food-pairing
possibilities.”*
— Winemaker
Ed Moody

