



2013 Old Ebbitt Grill International Wines for Oysters Competition Results

On November 4, 2013, 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 321 wines from all over the world were entered in this year's Competition. Within the United States, 123 wines were submitted from six states. Wineries from thirteen other countries entered a total of 198 wines—Argentina, Australia, Austria, Chile, France, Germany, Japan, Italy, Lebanon, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa, and Spain. The ten gold medalists will be served with over twenty types of oysters at the 19th Annual Old Ebbitt Grill Oyster Riot to be held on November 22 & 23, 2013; last year, over 73,000 oysters were consumed by almost 2,700 guests.

Our Distinguished Panel of Judges

Jeff DuFour, Michael Franz, Jeff Hancock, Tony Kornheiser,
Paul Lukacs, Tommy McFly, Andy Myers, Antonin Scalia, Brandon Skall,
Sally Swift, Marguerite Thomas, Thomas Yannucci, Jay Youmans, Hank Zona

2013 GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Grand Champion

Villa Maria Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc 2013
Marlborough, New Zealand

First Runner Up

Cairnbrae Sauvignon Blanc 2012
Marlborough, New Zealand

Second Runner Up

Wild South Sauvignon Blanc 2012
Marlborough, New Zealand

Best Sparkler

Mumm Napa Brut Prestige N.V.
Napa Valley, California

Best Pacific N.W.

Domaine Ste Michelle Brut N.V.
Columbia Valley, Washington

Best South American

Nimbus Estate Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2013
Casablanca Valley, Chile

Best European

Steinagrand Gruner Veltliner Reserve 2012
Wagram, Austria

Best South African

Stonehaven Sauvignon Blanc 2013
Western Cape, South Africa

Gold Medal

Boulder Bank Sauvignon Blanc 2011
Marlborough, New Zealand

Gold Medal

Matua Sauvignon Blanc 2012
Marlborough, New Zealand

2013 SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Sauvignon Blanc, Lagoon Hill, Marlborough, NZ, 2012
Sauvignon Blanc, Wither Hills Marlborough, NZ, 2012
Sauvignon Blanc, Hay Maker, Marlborough, NZ, 2012
Sauvignon Blanc, Santa Rita 120, Central Valley, Chile, 2013
Prosecco, Zonin, Friuli, Italy, N.V.
Sauvignon Blanc, Albalara, Maipo Valley, Chile, 2013
Sauvignon Blanc, Babich Black Label, Marlborough, NZ, 2012
Sauvignon Blanc, Tablelands, Marlborough, NZ, 2012
Soave DOC, Cantini di Gambellara I Basalti, Veneto, Italy, 2012
Pinot Grigio, Turning Leaf, California, N.V.

2013 BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

Chenin Blanc, Dry Creek Vineyard, Clarksburg, CA 2012
Fume Blanc, Ferrari-Carano, Sonoma, CA, 2012
Sauvignon Blanc, Bird, Marlborough, NZ, 2012
Sauvignon Blanc, Fire Road, Marlborough, NZ, 2013
Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon, Man O' War Vineyards Gravestone, Auckland, New Zealand, 2012
Sauvignon Blanc, Montes Classic, Casablanca Valley, Chile, 2012
Sauvignon Blanc, Starborough, Marlborough, NZ, 2012
Sauvignon Blanc, Ten Sisters Single-Vineyard, Marlborough, NZ, 2012
Sauvignon Blanc, Warwick Estate Professor Black, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 2012
Sauvignon Blanc, WhiteHaven, Marlborough, NZ, 2012

Countries and Number of Entries

Argentina, 9	Germany, 2	Portugal, 2
Australia, 7	Japan, 1	South Africa, 12
Austria, 2	Italy, 22	Spain, 18
Chile, 20	Lebanon, 1	United States, 123
France, 20	New Zealand, 82	

California, 90
Idaho, 1

United States, 123 Entries

Michigan, 1
Oregon, 4

Virginia, 8
Washington, 19

OYSTERS TO BE SERVED AT THIS YEAR'S OYSTER RIOT

Crassostrea virginica

Battle Creek, *Tom's Cove*, VA
Blackberry Point, *Foxley River*, PEI
Canada Cup, *Malpeque Bay*, PEI
Cotuit, *Cotuit Bay*, MA
Little Island, *Bagaduce River*, ME
Mayflower Point, *Cape Cod Bay*, MA
Mystic, *Long Island Sound*, CT
Pleasant Bay, *Little Pleasant Bay*, MA
Quonset Point, *Narragansett Bay*, RI
Rocky Reef, *Huntington Bay*, NY
St. Simon, *La St. Simon Bay*, NB, Canada
South Parish, *Nauset Harbor*, MA
Standish Shore, *Duxbury Harbor*, MA
Thatch Island, *Barnstable Harbor*, MA
Wallace Bay, *Tatamagouche*, NS, Canada
Washburn Island, *Waquoit Bay*, MA
Watch Hill, *Winnapaug Pond*, RI
Wianno, *Barnstable Harbor*, MA

Crassostrea gigas

Fish Point, *Samish Bay*, WA
Glacier Bay, *Halibut Cove*, AK
Kusshi, *Stellar Bay*, BC
Sunset Beach, *Hood Canal*, WA

Ostrea edulis

Harpwell Flat, *New Meadows River*, ME

Crassostrea sikamea

Kumamoto, *Humboldt Bay*, CA