

**The 2008 West Coast Wine Competition**  
***Judges the Best in the West***

**Santa Rosa, California (May 15, 2008)** -- The 26th West Coast Wine Competition was held April 16-18, 2008 in Santa Rosa, California, continuing its mission of recognizing outstanding wines from California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Baja California, British Columbia, Australia and New Zealand. Judges awarded a total of 16 Double Gold, 179 Gold, 600 Silver, and 506 Bronze medals from a field of over 1,700 entries.



Sweepstakes awards, the event's highest level of recognition, were given to 2001 Mumm Napa Valley Grand Annee (\$30), 2006 Ventana Vineyards Estate Grown Reisling (\$16), 2004 Matrix Winery Syrah (\$28), and 2004 Rotta Winery Black Monukka (\$22).

A list of best-of-class wines follows while complete results with links to numerous winery web sites may be found at [www.vwm-online.com](http://www.vwm-online.com).

Entries were evaluated by an experienced pool of judges from the North American wine industry with backgrounds in enology, viticulture, wine education, wine media, wine marketing and wine retail/restaurant.

"Riesling continued to shine," said judge Jim Caudill, trade public relations representative of Brown-Forman Wines.

"It was hard to find a bad wine, making it even harder for any individual wine to stand above the crowd. ... It's clear winemakers are gaining a good hand with syrah, as we saw many excellent wines at all price points. ... The sheer number of pinot noirs now available, as reflected in the competition entries, was stunning."

The competition has grown to become one of our industry's most prestigious professional wine judgments, typically awarding 70% of eligible entries.

"More and more entries are coming from regions outside of California's North Coast," said Robert Merletti, president of the event's producer, Vineyard & Winery Services. "This year, we awarded best of class honors to wineries from nearly two dozen different AVAs including Santa Clara Valley, Malibu-Newton Canyon, Marlborough, South Australia, Columbia Valley, Okanagan Valley and Puget Sound."

The West Coast Wine Competition is produced by Vineyard & Winery Services, Inc. of Santa Rosa, California. The multi-media corporation publishes *Vineyard & Winery Management* magazine, the *Wine Industry Index* and *Wineries of the Index* on compact disc and also produces seminars, conferences and trade shows (Wineries Unlimited, Tasting Room Profitability, Wine Club Summits East and West, Managing the Winery Laboratory, and Marketing & Public Relations) and two other wine competitions (Grand Harvest Awards and International Eastern Wine Competition).

**2008 WEST COAST WINE COMPETITION RESULTS**

***Best of Class Wines***

Cabernet Franc

Viansa Winery, 04 Cabernet Franc, Sonoma County, \$28.00

Cabernet Sauvignon <\$10.50

Meridian, 05 Cabernet Sauvignon, California, \$10.00

Cabernet Sauvignon \$10.50-\$17.99

Huntington Wine Cellars, 06 Cabernet Sauvignon, California, \$17.00

Cabernet Sauvignon \$18.00-\$29.99

Bianchi, 04 Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles, \$22.00

Mount Aukum Winery, 05 Cabernet Sauvignon, Fair Play, \$24.00

Cabernet Sauvignon \$30.00 & over

Sculpterra Winery, 06 Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles, \$32.00

Carignane

Jessies Grove Winery, 05 Carignane, Lodi, \$18.00

Chardonnay <\$10.50

Redtree, 06 Chardonnay, California, \$8.00

Chardonnay \$10.50-\$17.99

Edna Valley Vineyard, 06 Chardonnay, San Luis Obispo, \$12.00

Jekel Vineyards, 06 Chardonnay, Monterey, \$12.99

Chardonnay \$18.00-\$29.99

Rodney Strong Vineyards, 06 Chardonnay Estate, Chalk Hill, \$20.00

Chardonnay \$30.00 & over

ZD Wines, 06 Chardonnay, California, \$34.00

Fruit Wines

Harbinger Winery, 07 Raspberry, Puget Sound, \$20.00

Ice Wine

Mission Hill Family Estate Winery, 06 Reisling Icewine, Okanagan Valley, \$59.99

Italian Red Blends

Trentadue Winery, 04 La Storia Cuvee 32 Estate, Alexander Valley, \$32.00

LH White Varietals

Navarro Vineyards, 06 Late Harvest Gewurztraminer, Anderson Valley, \$39.00

Merlot <\$10.50

Five Rivers , 05 Merlot, Central Coast, \$9.99

Merlot \$10.50-\$17.99

Bin 36, 05 Merlot, California, \$16.00

Merlot \$30 & over

Maryhill Winery, 05 Proprietor's Reserve Merlot, Columbia Valley, \$30.00

Other Blush Varietals

Bray Vineyards, 07 Barbera Rosato, Shenandoah Valley of California, \$16.00

Other Bordeaux Varietals

Sycamore Creek , 06 Malbec, Santa Clara Valley, \$23.95

Other Red Blends

Vina Robles, 05 Signature (Red Blend), Paso Robles, \$36.00

Other Rhone Varietals

Mount Aukum Winery, 06 Mourvedre, Amador County, \$26.00

Other White Varietals

Pahrump Valley Winery & Vineyards, 06 Symphony, California, \$10.95

Petite Sirah

Bogle Vineyards, 06 Petite Sirah, California, \$11.00

Pinot Gris/Grigio

Guenoc, 06 Pinot Grigio, California, \$12.00

Pinot Noir <\$10.50  
Silver Ridge Winery, 06 Pinot Noir, California, \$9.99

Pinot Noir \$18.00-\$29.99  
Handley Cellars, 06 Pinot Noir, Mendocino, \$25.00

Pinot Noir \$30.00 & over  
Shandels Oppenlander Vineyard, 06 Pinot Noir, Mendocino, \$40

Port  
Rotta Winery, 05 Zinfandel Port, Lodi, \$25.00

Red Bordeaux Blends \$18.00-\$29.99  
Church & State Wines, 05 Quintessential, Okanagan Valley, \$29.90

Red Bordeaux Blends \$30.00 & over  
Rosenthal - The Malibu Estate, 04 Meritage, Malibu-Newton Canyon, \$75

Reislings <3%  
Black Swan, 06 Riesling, Australia, \$8.00  
Ventana Vineyards, 06 Riesling, Arroyo Seco, \$16.00

Rhone Red Blends  
10 Knots Cellars, 05 Atlantis Syrah, Paso Robles, \$32.00

Rose Blends  
Forest Glen Winery, 07 Magenta Rose, California, \$8.99

Sangiovese  
Eberle Winery, 05 Sangiovese, Paso Robles, \$22.00

Sauvignon Blanc >\$10.50  
Chasing Venus, 07 Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand, \$16.00

Sherry  
Rotta Winery, 04 Black Monukka, California, \$22.00

Sparkling White <2.5%  
Mumm Napa, 01 Grand Annee, Napa Valley, \$30.00

Syrah <\$20  
Angoves, 06 Red Belly Black Shiraz, Australia, \$11.99

Syrah =>\$20  
Matrix Winery, 04 Syrah, Sonoma Coast, \$28.00  
Viansa Winery, 06 Syrah, Sonoma County, \$28.00

Viognier  
Twisted Oak, 06 Viognier, Calaveras County, \$22

Zinfandel \$10.50-\$20.00  
Macchia, 06 Mischievous Zinfandel, Lodi, \$18.00

Zinfandel \$20.00 & over  
Sextant, 06 Holystone Zinfandel, Paso Robles, \$27.00  
Trentadue Winery, 05 La Storia Zinfandel Estate, Alexander Valley, \$28.00