



2010 National Tasting Project

The Wines of Chile & Argentina



New Haven Chapter

The National Tasting Project gives chapter across the US the opportunity to sample the same group of wines in a blind tasting. This year 48 chapters, representing 1,067 tasters in 22 different states participated in the NTP. This represents the largest number of tasters and second-highest number of chapters participating in the event.

Unlike recent previous NTP's, this year's tasting featured seven different types of wine from two countries. The aperitif wines were Torrontes and Sauvignon Blanc. The tasting wines were Chardonnay, Merlot, Carmenere, Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. All the wines scored well and once again, the graduate judges tended to score the wines slightly higher than the rest of the tasters. The standard deviation (a measure of spread or dispersion in the scores) was much lower for the wine judges on most of the wines, but the standard deviations were lower than previous years. Other findings:

- The top scoring wine was the Santa Rita Carmenere, but it was only scored by about 150 people.
- Second place went to Bodega Norton Reserve Malbec, closely followed by Vina Montes Alpha Cabernet.
- Four of the wines had an average score of 15 points or higher, which puts them in the AWS Silver Medal range.
- The wines that were ranked #1 by the most tasters were: Concha Y Toro Merlot, Bodega Norton Malbec and Vina Montes Alpha Cabernet Sauvignon.
- The most expensive wine was among the top-rated wines, but several others (Vina Santa Ema Chardonnay, Santa Rita 120 Carmenere and Concha Y Toro Merlot) cost \$10 or less and scored quite well.

The following table shows the average scores and standard deviation (Std. Dev.) for the participants and the graduate wine judges (WJ). Thanks to all the groups who participated and submitted results.

Wine No.	Wine	Country	Tasters	Avg. Cost	Avg. Score	Std. Dev.	WJ Score	WJ Std. Dev.
CH1	2008 Santa Rita 120 Chardonnay	Chile	875	\$8	14.1	2.5	14.5	1.5
CH2	2008 Vina Santa Ema Chardonnay	Chile	124	\$9	14.8	2.3	15.5	0.8
CA1	2008 Concha Y Toro Casillero Del Diablo Reserve Carmenere	Chile	581	\$10	14.8	2.8	15.5	2.3
CA2	2008 Santa Rita 120 Carmenere	Chile	143	\$9	15.8	2.6	18.0	0.0
CA3	2008 MontGras Carmenere Reserve	Chile	310	\$12	14.4	2.9	15.3	1.7
ME1	2007 Vina Santa Ema Reserve Merlot	Chile	257	\$12	14.6	2.9	15.7	1.3
ME2	2008 Concha Y Toro Casillero Del Diablo Reserve Merlot	Chile	353	\$10	14.8	2.8	14.0	2.3
ME3	2007 Casa Lapostolle Merlot	Chile	353	\$13	13.0	2.8	13.0	1.5
MA1	2006 Bodega Norton Reserve Malbec	Argentina	502	\$16	15.3	2.4	15.7	1.7
MA2	2007 Finca Flichman Reserva Malbec	Argentina	127	\$11	14.8	2.6	12.7	1.2
MA3	2008 Don Miguel Gascon Malbec	Argentina	382	\$12	15.0	2.7	14.6	2.8
CS1	2007 Vina Montes Alpha Cabernet Sauvignon	Chile	772	\$20	15.2	2.8	15.5	2.1
CS2	2006 Vina Ema Cabernet Sauvignon	Chile	269	\$12	13.8	2.9	14.5	2.9
CS3	2007 Casa Lapostolle Cabernet Sauvignon	Chile	855	\$13	14.7	2.9	14.8	2.4

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Chapter	2008 Santa Rita 120	2008 Vina Santa	2008 Concha Y Toro		2008 MontGras	2007 Santa Ema	2008 Concha Y Toro		2007 Casa	2006 Bodega	2007 Finca	2008 Don Miguel	2007 Vina Montes	2006 Vina Santa	2007 Casa
	Chardonnay	Ema Chardonnay	Castillero Del Diablo	2008 Santa Rita 120	Carmenere	Carmenere Reserva	Reserve Merlot	Casillero Del Diablo	Lapostolle Merlot	Norton Reserve	Flichman Reserva	Gascon Malbec	Alpha Cabernet	Ema Cabernet	Lapostolle Cabernet
Bill Tuller	14.3					14.8			12.0	17.0			14.8		15.5
Bucks County	14.1		14.1						13.5	15.6			14.6		15.6
Carroll Co.	14.1		14.3						12.9			13.8	16.8		14.8
Cleveland	14.7		14.4					13.3		15.3			15.3	13.4	
Clos Friends	15.6					13.8		15.9		15.8			16.2		15.0
Dayton	12.3		14.0						13.2		13.1	14.0	12.9		
Detroit	13.4		13.5						12.2			11.8		11.4	11.8
Electric City	13.9			14.1						16.0					
Frederick	13.6					11.5			14.3			14.3	15.3		13.4
Glacier Ridge	12.9					14.7		14.1		13.7			14.3		13.5
Heritage Hunt	14.5		14.7				14.8				16.2		14.2		14.6
Houston	10.8		12.1						11.8			14.9	14.6		12.8
Hudson	13.4		13.6					12.9		15.0			15.6		14.7
Indian Valley	13.1					14.2		14.6		16.0			13.6		12.9
Jean Jacques Dufour		16.1	16.6				17.1			17.5			16.3		17.5
John Marshall	14.3					14.9	15.3			15.4			16.3		13.1
Keuka		15.2				14.8	14.9			14.9			15.7		15.6
King George	13.0					12.3	14.1			15.0			12.5		13.1
Kylix	11.1		10.3	9.7				11.1	12.1			12.8			11.4
Lancaster	13.7			15.9				14.7		16.8			17.1		16.6
Las Vegas	13.6		15.0						13.8	15.5			15.1		14.4
Laurel Highlands	16.2			17.2				16.8				17.4	17.7		17.7
Maitland	15.1		13.7						11.6		13.5		13.7	15.2	
Mesilla Valley	12.4					13.5			12.0			15.4	14.7		17.3
Mt. Nittany	16.4			16.9				16.6				17.6	16.9		16.6
New Haven	13.1		14.8				13.5					14.8		14.1	13.3
Nittany Valley	16.5			17.8				17.5				16.5	16.4		17.1
North Alabama	14.5					14.4		13.5				13.9	15.1		13.8
North Neck Uncorked		14.1				15.9			11.5	14.4				13.3	14.8
Perkiomen Valley		14.0				12.0			14.3	15.0				15.9	16.2
Philadelphia		15.0	15.9						14.7	15.2			16.5		15.9
Phoenix	14.0					17.4	15.0			16.3			16.0		14.3
Piedmont Wine & Vine	14.3		15.2					14.5		13.8			15.1		13.9
Pioneer Valley	14.6					14.8			14.0	13.9			15.1		16.4
Pittsburgh East	13.0		14.7									14.1			13.9
Raritan Valley						16.4		17.3							
Rhode Island		14.5	14.1						15.6	15.7			16.2		14.7
Suffolk	14.3					14.6			13.3		14.6		14.8		14.7
Susquehanna Valley	15.0		15.7					15.7			15.2		15.2		14.2
Syracuse	13.5		15.7						12.1				15.5		14.0
Tellico Village	14.5		17.4					14.5		15.9			14.9		16.4
Thomas Jefferson	15.9		15.7						14.0			15.8		15.2	15.8
Tippie Tasters	14.5		14.8				13.9			13.2			13.6	13.9	
Triangle	12.8		14.9						15.1		14.8		15.6	14.4	
Tucson		14.4	12.8						11.9	15.1			14.3		13.9
Walt Whitman	15.1					14.9		14.6				14.6	15.2		15.7
White Clay	15.4		16.8				15.6					15.0	14.5		12.7
Winston-Salem			16.6					13.1			15.0			11.9	13.2
Average Score	14.1	14.8	14.8	15.8	14.4	14.6	14.8	13.0	15.3	14.8	15.0	15.2	13.8	14.7	
Wine Judge Average	14.5	15.5	15.5	18.0	15.3	15.7	14.0	13.0	15.7	12.7	14.6	15.5	14.5	14.8	