



2012 National Tasting Project

Pinot Noir

Soft, Subtle and Potentially Seductive



The National Tasting Project gives chapter across the US the opportunity to sample the same group of wines in a blind tasting. This year 65 chapters, representing 1,482 tasters in 26 different states participated in the NTP. This represents the largest number of tasters and chapters participating in the event – almost a third of our total membership!

Each participating chapter selected 6 wines from a list of 14, one from each of the following geographical areas: France, California, Oregon, Argentina, Australia and Italy. The wines were tasted blind and scored on the AWS 20-point scale. The results show that

- The 4 California wines garnered the highest scores, with Twomey by Silver Oak and Belle Glos Meiomi as the overall favorites.
- All 4 California wines and 1 of the French wines scored in the AWS silver medal range (15.0-16.9).
- All of the remaining wines scored in the AWS bronze medal range (13.0-14.9).
- Although the highest price wine earned the highest marks, wine price wasn't generally an indication of how well the wine scored.
- For all but 2 wines, the graduate Wine Judges gave the wines higher scores than the people who hadn't completed the training program.

The following table shows the average scores for the participants and the graduate wine judges (WJ). The last 2 columns show the percentage of the chapters that tasted the wine and rated them as the favorite and in the top 3.

Thanks to all the groups who participated and submitted results.

Wine No.	Wine	Region	Tasters	Avg. Cost	Avg. Score	WJ Avg. Score	Favorite Chapter Wine	In Top 3 Wines
109841	2009 Twomey by Silver Oak Russian River Valley	California	244	\$46	15.9	15.6	55%	82%
112245	2010 Belle Glos Meiomi	California	778	\$20	15.6	15.4	69%	91%
114190	2010 Decoy Sonoma	California	467	\$21	15.1	15.2	29%	76%
106180	2009 DeLoach Central Coast	California	269	\$16	15.0	16.0	36%	82%
112731	2009 Bouchard Aine & Fils Pommard	France	297	\$34	15.0	15.4	7%	73%
113046	2009 Luca	Argentina	1215	\$33	14.5	15.4	21%	69%
112725	2009 Vougeraie Savigny Les Beaunes "Les Marconnets"	France	144	\$38	14.3	13.8	0%	50%
106234	2009 Chehalem 3 Vineyard	Oregon	540	\$25	14.1	14.4	17%	67%
109331	2010 Willamette Valley Vyds Whole Cluster	Oregon	407	\$20	13.9	14.4	3%	25%
114076	2009 Willamette Valley Vyds.	Oregon	634	\$26	13.7	14.4	0%	30%
112346	2010 Kris	Italy	1173	\$14	13.6	14.2	7%	33%
111297	2010 Innocent Bystander	Australia	1175	\$19	13.3	14.6	4%	30%
113055	2009 Louis Jadot Bourgogne	France	775	\$20	13.1	13.3	0%	15%
112732	2009 Bouchard Aine & Fils Fixin "La Maziere"	France	203	\$18	13.0	16.3	13%	25%

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Baltimore-Towson, MD				11.6			14.8			10.7		15.5	13.1	14.7
Bill Tuller, SC				11.9			14.2				13.8	15.3	12.8	13.3
Bucks County, PA		15.0			15.9				15.0			14.1	13.3	14.8
Carroll County, MD				12.9				15.4			12.7	15.0	15.5	12.9
Catawba, NC				12.5			16.4			12.7		13.2	12.4	12.0
Cleveland, OH				12.1			15.7			14.7		14.5	13.5	12.5
Clos Friends, SC		15.3					15.5				13.8	13.6	15.3	14.3
Dayton, OH		14.1					15.9				13.0	14.2	14.5	14.6
Denver, CO				12.9			12.1		14.1			14.4	12.3	10.7
Diamond City, PA				13.5			17.6		13.7			15.1	10.4	15.1
East Las Vegas, NV				14.0		15.2		15.7		13.7	15.1	13.1		14.4
East TN/Tellico Village			15.0			16.2					15.7	14.2	14.3	12.3
Electric City, PA	14.8				15.2		16.0		14.7		13.7	14.9		
Fairfield, CT				12.3	14.9				13.0			15.8	14.3	14.3
Frederick, MD				11.2			12.9			11.1		15.4	12.1	13.7
Garden City, GA				12.4			13.7			8.6		14.6	12.8	13.4
Glacier Ridge, NY			14.1					16.3	14.6			14.8	15.2	13.4
Glimmerglass, NY			15.8			17.3					14.7	17.1	15.6	14.9
Hartford, CT				13.1	14.7				13.8			13.8	13.6	13.2
Heritage Hunt, VA				14.8				14.2	12.2			15.0	12.7	13.6
Hudson, MA			14.7			15.1					13.0	13.4	14.2	13.6
Indian Valley, PA		14.8					15.4				14.6	15.6	15.2	14.1
JeanJacques Dufour,KY				13.7			15.4	15.4				13.0	15.2	14.6
John Marshall, VA				13.5			15.5	14.0	13.8	15.3	14.2			
Keuka, NY				14.5			16.5	14.3		14.0	14.7	16.4		
King George, VA	11.8				14.4				12.6			12.8	10.1	12.6
Las Vegas, NV				15.1			15.4				13.9	15.4	13.3	16.0
Laurel Highlands, PA		17.4					18.2	16.8		13.9			14.8	13.8
Lehigh Valley, PA		17.1			16.5					14.7		15.1	14.8	14.6
Lone Star, TX		15.4				15.3					13.8	16.2	15.3	15.1
Maitland, FL				12.9				14.9		15.0		15.3	13.4	14.8
Mesilla Valley, NM	16.3	15.1			13.7			14.5			13.7	15.2		
Metro Detroit, MI		12.8						13.5		12.3		13.0	12.5	14.3
Mohawk Valley, NY				15.4			16.1			16.6		16.0	15.2	16.3
Mount Nittany, PA				17.1			17.7	14.5	13.9			15.9	16.3	
Niagara Frontier, NY		14.3		12.5			15.1				13.6	13.3	15.1	



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North Alabama, AL				10.8			15.9	13.5			14.2		13.1	13.6
North Neck, VA	13.0				12.7				13.8			13.4	12.3	12.3
Northampton, PA			13.8			15.5			15.4			16.4	15.3	14.7
Ocean Isle Beach, NC				11.5			16.0		13.3			14.8	12.0	11.6
Omaha, NE		15.8				16.6			16.0			15.3	11.8	12.9
Perkiomen Valley, PA	12.7							15.6			13.5	13.6	11.5	10.1
Philadelphia, PA				12.5			16.3			13.7		15.6	13.4	14.2
Phoenix, AZ				13.1			15.7	15.7			13.0		14.7	13.6
Piedmont, SC				13.3				14.0			13.3	14.0	13.7	12.5
Pioneer Valley, MA	11.0				15.1				15.8			14.2	13.4	13.6
Rhode Island, RI			16.5			15.4					14.6	17.2	16.5	15.5
Rochester, NY			13.0		15.0		15.5		15.3		12.9	14.5		
San Diego, CA	14.1							15.6			11.8	14.1	14.6	15.8
Somerset, PA			11.3		16.1				12.9			12.5	11.1	12.1
Space Coast, FL				14.8		17.6				15.5		17.0	14.6	15.2
St. Louis, MO		14.2					15.7				12.1	14.0	11.2	13.2
Suffolk County, NY				13.6			15.6		14.8			13.7	14.6	14.8
Susquehanna, PA		13.3				16.6					13.1	12.3	11.8	14.1
Thomas Jefferson, KY				14.6				15.8			14.7	15.8	14.6	
Tippie Tasters, IN				12.9			15.3		14.0				12.9	
Triangle, NC				13.1			15.4			14.1		14.0	13.0	13.2
Tucson, AZ	9.4						16.2				13.3	14.7	7.3	11.7
Walt Whitman, NJ		14.6				14.8			12.8			14.8	14.3	14.9
Westchester, NY				14.9			12.9		17.1			15.6	12.1	12.3
Western Michigan, MI				13.9			16.0		17.8			12.7	13.0	14.5
White Clay, PA				12.5			16.3	16.3	16.0	14.6		13.7		
Wine Lovers Club, NC		11.6					13.8		10.5			13.0	7.6	10.9
York, PA				11.2			13.3	14.4			12.5		13.5	13.7
Overall Average	13.0	15.0	14.3	13.1	15.0	15.9	15.6	15.1	14.1	13.9	13.7	14.6	13.4	13.6
Standard Deviation	3.3	2.7	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.7	3.4	2.8
Judges Average	16.3	15.4	13.8	13.4	16.0	15.6	15.4	15.2	14.4	14.4	14.5	15.5	14.6	14.2
Judges Std. Deviation	1.1	1.1	1.8	2.1	1.3	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.6	2.8	1.5	1.7	2.0	2.0
Average Price	\$18	\$34	\$38	\$20	\$16	\$46	\$20	\$21	\$25	\$20	\$26	\$33	\$19	\$14