

## 2010 WINE COMPETITION RESULTS

### The Top Medal-Winning Wines

**T**HIS INTERIM REPORT summarizes the top medal-winning wines from the first nine major wine competitions we tracked so far this year. Using weighting factors of 6 points for a Gold medal with special recognition (e.g., Best of Class), 5 points for Gold, 3 points for a Silver medal, and 1 point for a Bronze medal, we've ranked the top performing wines by points. Only wines with 24 or more points are listed.

The purpose of this compilation is to recognize wineries that have put up their wines to be judged against their peers in blind competition and to recognize those wines that have on multiple occasions shown themselves to be meritorious quality and worthy of consumer attention.

Also note that many competitions separate wines into price categories for judging, giving lower priced wines better opportunities to win medals. And, of course, many of the more prestigious wines that we review in this newsletter are not entered into these competitions.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON												
Wine	Price	DA	GH	SC	MO	NW	SD	PR	WC	RI	Pts	
<b>2007 Rodney Strong Vineyards</b> Estate, Alexander Valley	\$22	S	G	G+	G	S	X	G	G	G+	38	
<b>2007 Rodney Strong Vineyards</b> Sonoma County	\$18	B	S	S	S	S	S	G	S	G	29	
<b>2007 V. Sattui Winery</b> Sattui Family, California	\$20	—	S	S	G	G+	G	S	B	B	27	
<b>2007 V. Sattui Winery</b> Preston Vyr, Napa Valley	\$45	—	G	S	S	S	S	S	S	B	24	
CHARDONNAY												
<b>2008 V. Sattui Winery</b> Napa Valley	\$20	—	S	G	G	S	X	G	S	G	29	
<b>2008 Bogle Vineyards</b> California	\$9	B	B	G	X	G	G	S	G+	X	26	
<b>2008 Dutcher Crossing</b> Stuhlmuller Vyr, Alexander Vly	\$34	—	G	S	—	—	G+	G+	S	S	26	
<b>2008 Frank Family Vineyards</b> Napa Valley	\$33	—	—	S	—	G+	G+	G	S	S	26	
<b>2008 Kendall-Jackson</b> Vintner's Reserve, California	\$15	—	—	S	G+	G+	X	B	G	G	26	
<b>2008 V. Sattui Winery</b> Carneros	\$26	—	S	S	S	S	S	G	S	S	26	
<b>2008 Napa Ridge</b> Napa Valley	\$13	G	S	B	—	S	S	G	B	S	24	
<b>2008 Navarro Vineyards</b> Premiere Reserve, Mendocino	\$25	—	S	G+	S	S	—	G	S	B	24	
MERLOT												
<b>2007 Bonterra</b> Mendocino County	\$16	B	B	G	S	X	S	G	S	G+	27	
<b>2007 Kendall-Jackson</b> Grand Reserve, Sonoma	\$28	—	—	—	S	S	G+	G+	G+	S	27	
<b>2007 V. Sattui Winery</b> Napa Valley	\$25	—	B	S	G+	S	X	G	S	S	24	
PINOT NOIR												
<b>2008 V. Sattui Winery</b> Sattui Family, Carneros	\$29	—	G	S	X	S	S	G	G+	G+	31	
<b>2007 Handley</b> Anderson Valley	\$30	S	S	G	—	S	S	G	S	S	28	
<b>2006 Bianchi</b> Garey Vyr, Santa Maria Valley	\$30	S	S	G	S	X	G	—	G	S	27	
<b>2008 Frank Family Vineyards</b> Carneros	\$35	S	—	S	—	S	G+	S	S	S	24	

ZINFANDEL												
Wine	Price	DA	GH	SC	MO	NW	SD	PR	WC	RI	Pts	
<b>2007 Rodney Strong Vineyards</b> Knotty Vines, Sonoma County	\$19	B	S	S	S	G	X	G	S	G+	29	
<b>2007 Frank Family Vineyards</b> Napa Valley	\$37	G	—	G+	—	S	G+	S	S	B	27	
<b>2007 Eberle</b> Steinbeck, Wine-Bush, Paso	\$20	B	—	—	G	S	S	S	S	G+	24	
OTHER RED WINES												
<b>2007 Raymond Burr Vineyards</b> Cabernet Franc, Sonoma	\$38	G	S	S	S	G+	S	S	S	S	32	
<b>NV Barefoot Cellars</b> Shiraz, California	\$7	B	G	G	S	G+	X	S	G+	B	30	
<b>2008 St. James Winery</b> Cynthiana, Missouri	\$7	G	G	B	G+	S	S	S	—	B	27	
<b>2008 Stephen &amp; Walker</b> Petite Sirah, Dry Creek Valley	\$46	B	—	G+	—	X	G	G	G	S	25	
<b>2007 Jeff Runquist</b> Petite Sirah, Salman Vyr	\$26	—	G	G	—	G	S	S	S	—	24	
OTHER WHITE WINES												
<b>NV Barefoot Cellars</b> Pinot Grigio, California	\$7	S	S	G	S	S	G	S	S	G	33	
<b>2008 Fetzer, Valley Oaks</b> Gewürztraminer, California	\$10	G	S	G	G	G+	G	—	—	—	29	
<b>2008 Eberle</b> Muscat Canelli, Paso Robles	\$15	B	—	G	S	G+	S	G	B	S	27	
<b>2008 Ventana Vineyards</b> Gewürztraminer, Monterey	\$16	G	S	S	G+	X	S	—	—	G	25	
<b>2008 Tangent</b> Albariño, Edna Valley	\$17	S	—	G+	S	—	G+	G	—	B	24	
SPARKLING WINES												
<b>NV Korbel</b> Brut Rosé, California	\$11	B	S	G+	S	G	G+	G+	S	—	33	
<b>NV Gloria Ferrer</b> Blanc de Noirs, California	\$20	S	G	S	X	G	S	S	G+	S	31	
<b>2007 Korbel</b> Natural, Russian River Valley	\$13	B	S	S	S	G+	S	G+	S	—	28	
<b>NV Ballatore</b> Gran Spumante, California	\$8	B	B	S	G	S	G	G	S	B	27	
<b>NV Gloria Ferrer</b> Va de Vi, Ultra Cuvee, Sonoma	\$22	B	B	S	S	S	S	G+	S	S	26	
<b>2005 Gloria Ferrer</b> Blanc de Blancs, California	\$24	G	S	S	X	S	S	S	S	S	26	
<b>NV Barefoot Bubbly</b> Moscato Spumante, California	\$11	X	S	S	S	X	S	S	S	G+	24	

#### The Competitions

- DA = Dallas Morning News Wine Competition  
 GH = Grand Harvest Awards  
 SC = San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition  
 MO = Monterey Wine Competition  
 NW = New World International Wine Competition  
 SD = San Diego International Wine Competition  
 PR = Pacific Rim International Wine Competition  
 WC = West Coast Wine Competition  
 RI = Riverside International Wine Competition

#### Legend

- G+ = Gold Medal with special recognition (e.g., Best of Class)  
 G = Gold Medal  
 S = Silver Medal  
 B = Bronze Medal  
 X = Wine was entered but did not receive a medal  
 — = Wine was not entered  
 Pts = Points earned