



## Medal Winners Announced for 2012

It took 60 wine experts two full days of tasting, but after 13,000 glasses of wine from 3,272 entries representing 25 states and 18 countries -- and countless hours tabulating the results -- this year's winners of The Dallas Morning News and TexSom Wine Competition are now official.

Medals were awarded this year to 1,558 wines, with 172 taking gold, 488 silver and 898 bronze winners.

"This was a significant year for us," said Rebecca Murphy, the competition's founder and chairman. "After three years of declining entries, we saw a 500 plus increase this year. I think we can attribute the increase to two factors. One suggests that vintners are feeling more optimistic about the economy. The other is the synergy brought to us by our partnership with the TexSom organization and their crew of sommeliers who were involved in encouraging wineries to participate as well as their expertise in organizing the wines for tasting."

"We also made a significant change in the way the wines were presented to the judges. In the past, as with most U.S. wine competitions, the wines were grouped by grape variety. For the 2012 competition at the urging of our judges we organized the wines by region, then grape variety. This allowed us to assign judge panels based upon their knowledge of and experience with the wines of a region."

The reputation of The Dallas Morning News and TexSom Wine Competition has steadily grown through the years and is considered by many to be one of the top competitions in the industry. The two-day event was held February 19-20 at the Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas. The 15 judging panels were comprised of wine critics, distributors, importers, sommeliers, master sommeliers, and masters of wine, including 11 Master Sommeliers and 11 Masters of Wine, more than any other U.S. wine competition.

Traditionally producing more wine, the West Coast came through with the highest number of medals in the competition. California claimed the top spot with 713 total medals, 79 of them gold, followed by Washington State with 134 medals, 12 of them gold. One of the competition's surprises this year was the showing by Texas appellation wines. With 114 entries in the competition, a significant increase from 87 wines entered in 2011. The Lone Star State fared well with a total of 64 medals, eight of them gold. Other top states include Oregon with 39 and New York with 19.

Internationally, Spain took top honors with 80 medals, followed by last year's top international medal winner, Italy, with 68, and Australia close behind with 65. Other top countries include France with 58, Argentina with 53, New Zealand with 40, and Chile at 33.

The general public will have the opportunity to sample the award-winning wines at the Dallas Wine and Food Festival, May 2-6. A complete list of Festival events is available at [www.dallaswinefest.com](http://www.dallaswinefest.com).

For more information on the competition and a complete list of medal winners, go online to [www.dallaswinecomp.com](http://www.dallaswinecomp.com).

# Dallas Morning News & TexSom 2012 Awards

## Red Table Wines

### All other red varieties

- Gold* Georges Duboeuf., Julienas AOC, Mis en Bouteille au Chateau, Château des Capitans 2010
- Gold* Marchesi Vineyards, Columbia Valley, Achille, Barbera 2009
- Silver* Alpha Estate, Amyndeon PDO, Hedgehog Vineyard, Xinomavro 2008
- Silver* Avanthia, Valdeorras DO, Mencia 2009
- Silver* Black Mesa Winery, New Mexico, Montepulciano 2009
- Silver* Georges Duboeuf., Morgon AOC, Gamay 2010
- Silver* La Fiera, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC, 2010
- Silver* Le Chateau, Columbia Valley, Barbera 2008
- Silver* Messina Hof, Texas, Double Barrel, Private Reserve, Cabernet Franc 2009
- Silver* Tabor Hill, Lake Michigan Shore, Lemberger 2009
- Silver* Villa Pozzi, Sicilia IGT, Nero D'Avola 2010
- Bronze* Bouchaine, Napa Valley, Carneros, Bacchus collection, Estate Vineyard, Pinot Meunier 2010
- Bronze* Cuatro Caballos, Jose Ignacio, Tannat 2007
- Bronze* Damilano, Barolo DOCG, Lecinquevigne 2006
- Bronze* Flat Creek Estate, American, Pinotage 2009
- Bronze* Georges Duboeuf., Beaujolais-Villages AOC, Gamay 2010
- Bronze* Kiona, Red Mountain, Estate Bottled, Lemberger 2009
- Bronze* La Chiripada, New Mexico, Dolcetto 2009
- Bronze* Loma Prieta Winery, Lodi, Amorosa Vineyard, Pinotage 2010
- Bronze* Lynfred, American, Primitivo 2009
- Bronze* Maryhill, Columbia Valley, Barbera 2009
- Bronze* Matane, Primitivo di Manduria DOC, IL Matane 2009
- Bronze* McManis Family Vineyards, California, Jamie Lynn Vineyard, Barbera 2009
- Bronze* Mezzacorona, Teroldego Rotaliano DOC, Riserva, 2008
- Bronze* Nieto Senetiner, Mendoza, Reserva, Bonarda 2010
- Bronze* Paoletti Winery, Calistoga, Cuvee Speciale, Nero D'Avola 2008
- Bronze* Pittacum, Bierzo DO, Mencia 2007
- Bronze* Poderi Luigi Einaudi, Dolcetto di Dogliani DOC, Estate Bottled, 2010
- Bronze* Produttori del Barbaresco, Barbaresco DOCG, Estate Bottled, 2007
- Bronze* Puresa, Terra Alta DO, Samsó 2007
- Bronze* Sur de los Andes, Argentina, Mendoza, Bonarda 2010
- Bronze* Vertikal, Mosel, Qualitatswein, Dornfelder, Sweet Red 2010
- Bronze* Zonin, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC, Winemaker's Collection, 2010