



2013 National Tasting Project

Rhône Style Wines

Single Varietal or Blend of Many?



The National Tasting Project gives American Wine Society chapters across the US the opportunity to sample the same group of wines in a blind tasting. This year 64 chapters, representing 1,468 people in 24 states participated in the NTP. This is about the same great participation rate as 2012. About half of our chapters and almost a third of our total membership tastes these wines!

Each participating chapter chose 6 wines from a list of 15 that were selected by a 8-person committee. They selected the white French, 2 French reds, and 1 wine from each of the other regions (California, Australia and Spain). The wines were scored on the AWS 20-point scale. Three wines (2010 Perrin & Fils Les Christins Vacqueyras, 2008 Mas Cal Demoura L'Infidèle and 2010 Tardieu-Laurent Guy Louis) were tasted by fewer than 100 people and are not included in this report. The results show that:

- The wines from California, Australia and Spain scored higher than the French wines
- The top 4 wines (Plexus, Can Blau, Cashmere and The Steading) 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)
- The Graduate Wine Judges would have awarded 1 Gold and 6 Silver medals
- Two of the 3 highest price wines (The Steading and Plexus) earned high scores
- The Cline and Can Blau were very good values. They were among the lowest cost wines, but garnered high scores

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 wines. Thanks to all the groups who participated and submitted results.

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Wine No.	Wine	Region	Tasters	Avg. Cost	Avg. Score	WJ Avg. Score	Favorite Chapter Wine	In Top 3 Wines
117918	2011 Guigal Cotes du Rhone Blanc	France	1329	\$16	14.3	15.3	3%	33%
108667	2007 Guigal Crozes Hermitage	France	817	\$26	13.6	14.8	6%	32%
110347	2009 Tardieu-Laurent Les Becs Fins	France	267	\$21	14.0	15.3	11%	22%
113413	2010 Grand Veneur Cotes du Rhone Res.	France	498	\$16	14.5	15.0	5%	42%
114019	2010 Delas Les Launes Crozes Hermitage	France	332	\$23	13.6	13.9	0%	0%
119611	2010 Perrin&Fils Vinsobres Les Cornuds	France	372	\$20	14.1	14.6	13%	40%
119887	2010 Ch. Fortia Chateauneuf-du-Pape	France	491	\$34	13.6	14.5	0%	13%
118554	2011 Cline Cashmere	California	1445	\$16	15.2	15.6	24%	73%
116846	2008 Torbreck The Steading	Australia	391	\$37	15.2	15.6	20%	75%
120579	2010 Torbreck Cuvee Juveniles	Australia	731	\$22	14.2	14.6	13%	32%
121700	2010 John Duval Plexus	Australia	334	\$34	15.8	16.5	53%	93%
112656	2009 Can Blau	Spain	1432	\$17	15.4	15.4	39%	89%



Mesilla Valley



Omaha



North Neck Uncorked



Indian Valley



Cleveland



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	2011 Guigal Cotes du Rhône Blanc	2007 Guigal Crozes Hermitage	2009 Tardieu Laurent Les Becs Fins	2010 Grand Veneur Reserve	2010 Delas Les Launes Crozes Hermitage	2010 Perrin & Fils Les Cornuds	2010 Ch. Fortia	2011 Cline Cashmere	2008 Torbreck The Steading	2010 Torbreck Cuvee Juveniles	2010 John Duval Plexus	2009 Can Blau
	France	France	France	France	France	France	France	California	Australia	Australia	Australia	Spain
Chapter	117918	108667	110347	113413	114019	119611	119887	118554	116846	120579	121700	112656
Baltimore-Towson	14.2		13.4			14.6		14.3				13.3
Bill Tuller		13.2				13.3	12.9	15.0			16.2	15.6
Carroll County	15.6	16.5	15.1					16.1			17.8	15.4
Catawba	13.8	14.2	13.5					14.5		14.1		15.8
Central Florida	15.9	17.0	16.1					16.6		15.7		17.3
Cleveland	15.2		14.8		14.9	15.1		14.5			17.0	16.4
Clos Friends		12.3		12.6				15.4		13.2		15.0
Dayton	14.4	13.0			13.7			15.9			15.4	14.9
Denver	14.3		15.5	13.7				15.0		12.8	15.5	
Diamond City	15.2				14.7		15.3	16.6		15.3		17.0
East Las Vegas	13.8	12.4		13.1				15.6		14.2		16.0
Electric City	14.8		14.5	14.3				15.2		14.8		15.4
Fairfield	15.1				14.6		13.5	15.9		11.6		15.1
Frederick	13.0		16.2			13.5		16.0		15.2		18.5
Glacier Ridge	14.1				12.7			15.8	15.3			14.9
Glimmerglass	15.3	12.8					12.2	15.9	15.4		14.6	14.9
Hartford	14.6			14.3	13.1			15.0			15.4	16.1
Heritage Hunt	11.6					13.0		13.1		12.4		14.1
Houston	12.4				10.3		8.6	12.4			14.6	14.3
Hudson	14.0	13.0					15.0	15.3			16.4	15.4
Indian Valley	15.5	14.4					15.4	14.7	16.4			16.7
John Marshall	15.2	13.1	15.3					15.4		13.4		14.6
Keuka	14.8		15.3			13.1		16.3		16.0		15.1
King George		12.0	13.4			13.3	13.3	13.7				14.8
Lake Hickory	15.6	16.0						15.4	16.7			16.0
Las Vegas	13.5				14.4		15.1	14.5	15.2			14.5
Laurel Highlands	16.6	15.9	15.2					17.0	13.7			16.7
Lehigh	14.3	15.6			13.1			17.9		16.1		15.6
Lone Star DFW	14.6	12.2		14.4				13.9	14.4			15.7
Mesilla Valley				12.1			9.2	13.1	14.6	11.6		13.4

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Metro Detroit	15.0	14.4					16.0	13.6		15.1		14.3
Mohawk Valley	15.9				12.9		13.1	15.6			16.9	15.1
Mt. Nittany	14.9	14.3					15.3	15.7	15.5			16.6
North Alabama	14.3	14.0	13.0					14.7		13.5		14.8
North Neck Uncorked	14.1	15.9						15.1		15.5		15.1
North Wake	15.5	14.3				15.2		14.9	16.8			15.6
Northern Virginia	14.4	13.2	13.8					14.5		14.6		14.5
Ocean Isle Beach	15.7			17.0				16.7		13.9		15.7
Omaha	13.8	13.5					13.3	16.0		14.5		16.1
Pensacola Gulf Coast	12.2					14.2		16.2	12.6			15.0
Perkiomen Valley	15.2	14.4					14.8	15.0	15.1			14.4
Phoenix	13.8	13.2				13.5		17.0		13.5		15.2
Piedmont Wine/Vine	12.8		16.1			14.5		15.5		15.9		16.0
Pioneer Valley	15.5		14.8					15.0		15.5		16.2
Pittsburgh	15.7				13.3		13.4	14.1	15.1			15.9
Pittsburgh East	15.2	15.2	14.1					14.9		13.3		14.6
Princeton	15.6				14.8			15.6	15.2			15.2
Raritan Valley	15.5		16.6			15.6		17.2		14.6		16.3
Rhode Island	15.0	14.2				15.5		15.1	16.8			15.9
Rochester	14.7				15.6			14.4			15.5	14.7
San Diego	14.5				11.9	11.9		14.1		13.8		15.3
Smoky Mountain	15.8	15.0					15.6	15.2			17.6	15.9
Somerset	11.7					12.3		15.1			14.3	14.5
Space Coast	15.0	12.6						16.2	14.7			15.6
St. Louis	15.4				15.3		15.7	15.7		13.8		17.0
Sunset-Naples	15.0		14.6		14.1			15.5		16.3		14.4
Tippie Tasters	13.4				10.5		13.6	14.8		12.1		14.0
Triangle	14.9	14.6				14.8		14.9	16.9			15.0
Walt Whitman	13.1	15.5					14.4	14.8	14.8			15.3
West Michigan	15.6			15.1			13.3	16.9	16.9			17.1
White Clay	15.3	15.7	13.4					14.7		16.0		15.1
Winston-Salem	14.2	10.9					11.4	15.8	14.6			16.0
Worcester	14.2	14.8					14.8	14.7			14.4	15.0
York App. Society								15.6		10.9	11.2	15.9
Average Score	14.3	13.6	14.0	14.5	13.6	14.1	13.6	15.2	15.2	14.2	15.8	15.4