International Wine Challenge 2012 Results Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals



Gold Medals

Simonnet Febvre Chablis Premier Cru Montmain 2010

'Mineral rich with spicy reductive lees notes and eye watering intensity and a mineral packed palate. Very young, will age superbly'

Simonnet Febvre Chablis Premier Cru Vaillons 2010

'Nose of apple chalk and ozone with scarcely believable levels of mineral intensity and concentration. Could only be top flight Chablis. Uniquely great.'

Silver Medals

Louis Latour Aloxe Corton Premier Cru Les Chaillots 2008

'Fresh flavours, delicate style. Light red fruits, cream, a bit diluted. Some green tannins but nice length.'

Vidal Fleury Cairanne 2010

'Vibrant young style, floral red berry and spicy yet elegant finish.'

Vidal Fleury Vacqueyras 2010

Raspberry, white pepper, good fine palate. Dark choc texture, modern style, fresh and youthful.'

Vidal Fleury Condrieu 2009

'Lots of peach apricot floral spice herbal. Sweet fruit on the palate nice fruit driven middle freshness on the back.'

Secret De Viu Manent Pinot Noir 2011

'Flinty matchstick with lovely blue fruits. Nice complexity. Impressive, vibrant, vital complexity. Tannins big but smooth. Nice acidity, classy, well made wine that will improve with time.'

Viu Manent San Carlos Single Vineyard Malbec 2009

'Leather, spicy, oaky, firm ripe black fruit. Long finish, slightly cloying character.'

Wakefield Jaraman Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

'Soft and juicy on the nose. youthful but with primary complexity. pepper, cassis, cedar and mint. nice texture and firm tannins.'

Wakefield St Andrews Single Vineyard Release Riesling 2007

'Lovely evolved petrol nose, rich peachy fruit freshness at the length.'

Wakefield St Andrews Single Vineyard Riesling 2010

'Lemon rind, sherbet and lovely floral notes. Concentrated fruit palate with refreshing acidity and good length.'

Wakefield St Andrews Old Block Shiraz 2009

'Elegant fruit plums, black fruits and herbal backdrops. A juicy yet chewy wine. That is enjoyable in a more youthful style.'

Wakefield St Andrews Shiraz 2009

'Deep dense wine, concentrated structure. Shows some elegance and attractive structure . High mineral and black fruit in style.'

Wakefield Eighty Acres Shiraz Viognier 2008

'A nose of lifted sugared violets, peach, black cherry and chocolate. Long elegant rounded tannins and rich clean spicy finish.'

Bronze Medals

Viu Manent Gran Reserva Chardonnay 2011

'Tropical fruit style, pineapple and melon, but lively balanced.'

Viu Manent Gran Reserva Carmenere 2010

'Ripe sweet berry fruit with some spice, hint of menthol, elegant.'

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Bronze Medals continued

Secret de Viu Manent Sauvignon Blanc 2011

'Aromatic smoky fresh lime and grapefruit. The mid palate has richer. Tropical fruits, a racy freshness on this finish.'

Henry Fessy Beaujolais Villages 2011

'...firm fruits, lively acidity, touch of animal. well-balanced.'

Henry Fessy Morgon 2011

'A sensual mineral style showing blackberry. Fine ripe acidity and a long tapered textured finish.'

Louis Latour Chardonnay White Burgundy 2010

'Big structure. Citric fruit, clean fruit. Finishes well. Vibrant mouthful. Waxy.'

Louis Latour Grand Ardèche Chardonnay 2010

'Candied lemon/grapefruit, some passion fruit, showy evolve but still holding well, good silky texture, nice acid, solid core.'

Simonnet Febvre Chablis 2010

'Asparagus, vanilla, granny smith, unripe pears, fresh, clean.'

Simonnet FebvreSaint Bris Sauvignon 2010

'Waxy and savoury notes of lemon rind and mouth-watering acidity.'

Vidal Fleury Côte Rôtie La Chatillonne 2006

'Chocolate butter, coconut. Well balanced fruity on the palate.'

Wakefield Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

Wakefield St Andrews Old Block Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

'Succulent in the nose. Black fruit, liquorice and good oak integration. Very appealing.'

Wakefield Estate Merlot 2010

'Some good raisiny Christmas cake varietal note, elegant, soft and rich good rich finish.'

Wakefield Promised Land Cabernet Merlot 2009

'Some reductive notes, smoky bacon and plums, some peppery & chocolate good firm finish.'

Wakefield Promised Land Unwooded Chardonnay 2009

'Very citrus (limey) and creamy. Fresh and juicy, sweetly fruited but crunch apple freshness too.'

Wakefield Jaraman Chardonnay 2011

Wakefield Jaraman Riesling 2011 'Nose of lime and wax crayons, leading into a palate of lime and citrus pith. Dry, lively.'

Wakefield Promised Land Shiraz 2011

Wakefield Estate Shiraz 2010

Wakefield St Andrews Shiraz 2006

'Toasty, smoky ripe flavours with cocoa spice cake and plum and dark fruit. Good structure and concentration.'

Wakefield Jaraman Shiraz 2010

Wakefield Promised Land Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2010

'Slightly waxy, citrusy notes on the nose and palate lead to an elegant, youthful finish.'

Craggy Range Merlot, Gimblett Gravels Vineyard, Hawkes Bay 2010