

2010 Denver International Wine Festival

Wine Country Network, Inc, the producers of the Denver International Wine Festival and Competition have announced the winners for the 6th Annual Denver International Wine Competition. The competition was held on September 11 & 12, 2010 at The Omni Interlocken Resort, Broomfield, Colorado.

Eighteen industry professionals participated in this two-day double blind competition. Approximately 120 consumers also attended a rare "Consumer's Choice" tasting of more than 180 of the competition's first day wines.

In its 6th year, the Denver International Wine Competition receives wine entries from around the globe. 2010 entries represented a 50% increase over 2009. The judges awarded 170 medals, including double gold, gold, silver and

bronze distinctions. The 2010 "Best of Show" winner was Cinquain Chardonnay 2009 California, Monterey. The "Best Red Wine" award was tied by Coiled Wines Syrah, Snake River, Idaho and Andretti Winery's Dolcetto, Napa, California. The "Best Wine Label" winner was Clif Bar Family Winery for its "The Climber" Sauvignon Blanc label, and the "Best Wine Label Series" was R&B Cellars. The full list of 2010 winners may be viewed at Denverwinecomp.com.

Gold medal winning wines were showcased at The Denver International Wine Festival Taste of Elegance Chef's Food & Wine Pairing Competition on Thursday November 4, 2010 at The Mile High Station, Denver, and at the Grand Tasting, Friday, November 5, 2010, also at Mile High Station.

Other main events included the Grand Vintners Dinner, featuring Michael-David



Stewart Vandenberg of Alexander Valley Vineyards with his Sin Zin and lots more

Winery at Aria Restaurant, Cherry Creek, showcasing the cuisine of Chef Michael Long.

The Grand Tasting of International Wines, Beer & Spirits showcased 400 beverages from more than 12 countries, along with food samplings and food for sale by Streat Chefs™. An exclusive VIP Lounge (sponsored by Key Private Bank) and educational seminar program was provided to VIP ticket holders.

On Saturday, November 6, 2010, a VIP Tour of the Front Range Wineries and Roundhouse Spirits took place. A bonus chef demonstration at was held at Mountain High Appliance in Louisville.

For information about the 2011 Denver International Wine Festival, please visit www.denverwinefest.com.

Chad Paré, Elizabeth Ettinger and Jim Cox of Wine Cru with Ksana Malbec Reserva and Lamadrid Bonarda



Art in the Age PR Director Laura Price, promo rep Kari Vagstad and Root Brand Ambassador Nam Lee introduced Root liqueur to the DIWF crowds.





Presqu'île Winery President Matt Murphy and Amanda Murphy produce their wines in the Santa Maria Valley on California's Central Coast.



Mionetto USA Western Region Sales Manager Geff Starlin pours a glass of his Prosecco for Tracy Johnson of Southern Wine & Spirits.



Wine Country Network Publisher and CEO Christopher Davies is the founder of the Denver International Wine Festival.



Far left: Rafael Craveiro, President of InterBev, and George Elliott of E-Corp. present Polkura Syrah and Dr. Konstantin Frank Riesling



Left: Van Ruiten Family Winery VP/National Sales Manager Jim McMichael and his lovely wife, Dyanne, present an array of their award-winning wines.

Right: Sidney Frank Importing Company State Manager Greg Schwab pours Gekkeikan Horin Sake for Doug Hackett, Dogwood Cellars winemaker.



Far right: Todd Landow of S.R. Turner Spirits and Wines and Gretchen Farquhar with a colorful line-up of Mad Housewife wines



Far left: Wine Cru's Michelle Bainbridge and Scott Curtis, and Clif Bar Family Winery Regional Account Manager Whitney Andreae show off the winery's winning label for "The Climber" Sauvignon Blanc.

Left: Pulled pork sandwiches and other goodies from Hosea Rosenberg's newest venture, Stretchfefs, were a big hit with hungry guests.