



## 2012 FACT SHEET

- WHAT:** The 2012 Seattle Wine Awards is the world's largest Washington State wine recognition program to determine by professional consensus, which wineries are producing the most outstanding Washington wines.
- WHEN:** **Entry Deadline:** **Sunday, April 1, 2012.**  
**Results Released – June 1, 2012**    **Awards Mailed – June 15, 2012.**  
**Gold Medal Grand Awards Tasting - Sunday, July 22, 2012**
- WHO:** Past Washington Wine Professional Tasting Panel Participants:
- |                |                        |                         |                          |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Darius Allyn   | Master Sommelier       | Joel Butler             | Master of Wine           |
| Rob Ord        | Vinum Wine Dist.       | Kerry Johnson           | Columbia Tower Club      |
| Sean Sullivan  | WA Wine Report         | Amy Mumma               | Central WA University    |
| Jake Kosseff   | Wild Ginger            | Lisa Rongren            | John Howie Steak         |
| Phillip Dunn   | Canlis                 | Dan McCarthy            | McCarthy & Schiering     |
| Thomas Price   | The Metropolitan Grill | Mark Takagi             | Metropolitan Markets     |
| Tim O'Brien    | Salty's on Alki        | Kristen Young           | Waterfront Seafood Grill |
| Ryan Allison   | Cellar 46              | Doug Charles            | Compass Wines            |
| Andy Purdue    | Wine Press NW          | Jeff Fournier           | Esquin Wine Merchants    |
| David LeClaire | Wine World Warehouse   | Dr. Thomas Henick-Kling | WSU Viticulture Dept.    |
- WHY:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Seattle Wine Awards (SWA) continues as Washington's most prestigious wine recognition program, presided over by a tasting panel of top local wine professionals. This is the largest professional evaluation of Washington wine in the world and serves to further celebrate and promote the Washington wine industry.
- HOW:** Wines from recognized Washington AVAs only – includes WA AVA's extending into Oregon. Tasting is single blind varietal categories of retail price tiers. Awards: Double Gold/Gold/Silver/Bronze ~ Grand Awards of Excellence.
- COST:** **ENTRY DEADLINE ~ Sunday, April 1, 2012 ~ \$45.00 Entry Fee per Wine**  
Please submit (3 ea) 750 ml. bottles Dry Table or Sparkling Wine or  
(4 ea) 375 ml. or 500 ml. bottles of Dessert Style wine per category entry.  
**Checks Payable to Seattle Wine Awards / Credit Card Payments on-line.**
- CONTACT:** Christopher Chan ~ Executive Director, Seattle Wine Awards  
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- SHIP TO:** **Seattle Wine Awards**  
**c/o ESQUIN WINE STORAGE / 2700 Fourth Ave South, Seattle, WA 98134**
- Please send e-mail when shipping and submit all Tech Sheets, Entry Fees/Checks together with Wine in same shipment boxes.



## Category Entry Criteria & Guidelines

1. All wines must be vinified and bottled by a licensed and bonded winery.
2. All wines must be produced from 100% vinifera grapes from a Washington State AVA.
3. All wines must meet state standards for varietal labeling of 75% minimum composition.
4. All wines submitted must be produced commercially and available for sale to the public.
5. All wines must be of current release or upcoming release.

### \* Categories Based on Suggested Retail Release Prices \*

**\$20.00 – Under Category    \$20.01 – \$35.00 Category    \$35.01 – Over Category:**

#### White Wines:

- WChar Chardonnay
- WBord Bordeaux Style Blends / Sauvignon Blanc / Semillon / Muscadelle
- WPino Pinot Gris/Pinot Grigio
- WProp Proprietary Blends
- WRies Riesling – Dry and with Residual Sugar (list RS per entry)
- WRhon Rhone Style Blends / Roussanne / Marsanne / Viognier
- WViog Viognier
- WVari All Other White Varietals
- Spark All Dry Style Sparkling Wines / either white or red grapes

#### Rosé Wines:

- SRosé Open Category for all styles of Single Varietal Rosé wines
- BRosé Open Category for all styles of Blended Varietal Rosé wines

#### Red Wines:

- RBord Bordeaux Style Blends (Cab, Merlot, Cab Franc, Petite Verdot, Malbec)
- RCab Cabernet Sauvignon
- RFranc Cabernet Franc
- RMal Malbec
- RMer Merlot
- RPino Pinot Noir
- RProp Proprietary Blends / International Style
- Rhone Rhone Styles (Blends of Grenache, Mourvedre, Counoise, Cinsault, Syrah)
- RSang Sangiovese
- RSyrah Syrah
- RVari All Other Red Varietals

#### Dessert / Sweet Fruit Wines:

#### Open Price Category

- DFort Fortified Wines
- DLate Late Harvest
- DIce Ice Wines

**Entry fee of \$45.00 + (3 ea) 750 ml. Table Wine or (4 ea) 375 ml./500 ml Dessert Style Btls.**