



PRESENTS

THE OLYMPIC WINE CHALLENGE RESULTS!



BC Wine Appreciation Society
Discover, Discuss, Experience and Enjoy

Four wine societies, the Vancouver American Wine Society, the Australian Wine Appreciation Society, Les Chevaliers des Vins de France, and the BC Wine Appreciation Society, took part in the Olympic Wine Challenge event last evening. All attendees tasted - blind - 3 wines from each Society and then voted for their favourites. The votes were counted and the Gold Medal went to..... AUSTRALIA!!

The results are tabled below:

1. Australia	St. Halletts Blackwell Shiraz	2007
2. USA	Starmont Merryvale CS	2006
3. BC	Seven Stones Similkameen Meritage	2007
4. Australia	Thorn-Clarke Shotfire Shiraz	2006
5. BC	Fairview Cellars "The Bear"	2005
6. USA	Kenwood "Jack London" CS	2005
7. BC	Mission Hill "Compendium"	2006
8. USA	Ridge Sonoma "Three Valleys"	2007
9. Australia	Ringbolt Margaret River CS	2007
10. France	Ch. Belle Vue Bordeaux	2004
11. France	Canet Valette St. Chinian	2005
12. France	Crozes Hermitage	2005

All the wines had to be under \$40.00 and readily available in the liquor store.

We, in the AWAS, were particularly proud that the St. Halletts Blackwell Shiraz beat out the 2nd place wine by over 140 votes! The spread between 2nd and 4th place was 7 votes, so we were delighted that the Thorn-Clarke Shotfire Shiraz came so close to the podium.

Unfortunately, the Ringbolt CS suffered from quite a bit of bottle variation. The head of the Vancouver American Wine Society, tasting it blind, thought it could pass for a NZ Sauvignon Blanc. (Ignoring the colour of course!) Quite a few people did have the Ringbolt in their top 5.

This was a very enjoyable and successful event. There were many attendees who requested a repeat next year, focusing maybe on a single varietal. Your suggestions would be welcome.

Congratulations Australia!