



YELLOW HAWK CELLAR AWARD WINNING WINES

2006 COLUMBIA VALLEY SOLSTICE

SILVER MEDAL, 89 POINTS - 2010 WORLD WINE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Beverage Testing Institute was founded in 1981 with the objective of producing fair and impartial wine reviews for consumers. Over the years, their buying guides have appeared in the *Wine Enthusiast*, *Restaurant Hospitality*, *The New Yorker Magazine*, *Wine & Spirits*, *International Wine Review*, *Epicurious.com*, *All About Beer*, and many others.

Judges' Notes: Deep garnet color. Attractive aromas of sautéed cherries, honeycomb, cracked pepper, and delicate herbs follow through on a supple entry to a dry-yet-fruity medium body with tart berry skin and sweet baking spice notes. Finishes with a long, chewy tannin fade.

TOP 5 RED BLENDS: RAY'S BOATHOUSE 2010 RETROSPECTIVE OF NORTHWEST WINES

Every January, Ray's Boathouse Restaurant on Shilshole Bay in Seattle, Washington conducts its Retrospective of Northwest Wines Competition and Dinner. Now in its 23rd year, this wine-lover's event has uncovered hidden gems from up-and-coming wineries, as well as reaffirmed the well-deserved praise earned by established wineries.

SILVER MEDAL: 2010 SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE WINE COMPETITION

Acclaimed as the largest competition of American wines in the world and San Francisco's premier tasting experience, the SFCWC Public Tasting is held at Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion and features award winning wines from across the country.

GOLD MEDAL: 2010 WINEMAKER CHALLENGE

The inaugural Winemaker Challenge, conducted Jan. 23-24 in San Diego, brought together 18 notable winemakers to evaluate nearly 800 wines from around the globe in the first international wine competition of its kind.

While other competitions have used winemakers exclusively, it is believed the Winemaker Challenge is the only winemaker-centric competition that employs a team concept, with judges collaborating as members of three-person panels. All wines were scrutinized and debated before votes were tallied and medals awarded.