



The WSJwine Annual Dozen 2009

Top judges reveal America's 12 best wine buys.

The Winner

Super-charged 'California Chianti'

Rare California take on the great grape of Chianti — from the madly talented Randall Grahm of Bonny Doon. "In-your-face cherries, intense, very good" wrote Hugh Johnson. Randall (the Willy Wonka of wine) suggests spicy BBQ ribs. Why argue? 14.2% Vol. To 2012. Ca' del Solo Sangiovese 2006, San Benito County



The Judges



Hugh Johnson — world's best-selling wine writer and most widely respected authority.



Adrian Bentham — WSJwine Cellar Director with over 25 years wine trade experience.



Paul Lukacs — editor of US Savor Magazine and author of The Great Wines of America.



Nick Taylor — WSJwine Head Buyer, Chevalier du Tastevin, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir fanatic.



Joris Beijm — First Class Sommelier, just short-listed for Sommelier of the Year 2009.



Abigail Hirshfeld — Award winning wine buyer. Senior Judge, International Wine Challenge.