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## Tolaini Wines Take Second and Third Place in “SALON OF 15 TASTING” in California

On Monday, August 30, 2010 fifteen top wine tasting professionals gathered at Quince Restaurant in San Francisco to participate in a Blind Tasting Event sponsored by the Henry Wine Group.

### The Panel of Tasters:

1. David Lynch, Quince
2. Gianpaolo Paterlini, Acquerello
3. Tim Gaiser MS
4. David Rosoff, Osteria Mozza
5. Jeff Porter, Osteria Mozza
6. Emily Wines MS, Kimpton Group
7. Geoff Kruth MS, Farmhouse & Guild of Sommeliers
8. Alder Yarrow, Vinography
9. Marcus Garcia, Fleur de Lys
10. Kris Margerum, Auberge du Soleil
11. Jack Moore, Metro Lafayette
12. Jordan Mackay (author), SF Magazine
13. Floribeth Schumacher, Jug Shop
14. Bill Traverso, Traverso's

### The Final Ranking of the 8 Wines:

1. Antinori Solaia
2. Tolaini Picconero
3. (Tie) Tolaini Valdisanti, Chateau Latour
4. Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia
5. (Tie) Ornellaia, Chateau Pavie
6. Colgin IX Estate

Eight wines were poured blind for the tasters. The wines were decanted one hour before the event and poured 15 minutes before the tasting began. The panelists were told that they were tasting a selection of some of the great crus of the world, and asked to rate each wine using a 100 point scale. The tasting took forty five minutes. The wines tasted were all from the 2006 vintage. The results were tabulated by taking the average of the totals of three considerations: total points, most frequent score, and average score. The highest and lowest tasters' scores were discarded, and the remaining 13 tasters' scores were tabulated.

Peter Neptune MS said “That the Tolaini wines took second and third at a blind tasting of this quality level is astounding. It shows that these wines deserve to be included in any discussion of world-class wines.

Congratulations to Louis Tolaini and his team for the dedication and effort that it takes to grow and make wines of this quality.”

Visit [www.tolaini.it/index2.htm](http://www.tolaini.it/index2.htm) for the full article “SALON 15 TASTING” by Peter Neptune MS, Senior VP of HENRY WINE GROUP

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