

# Tracking the Transformation

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Eldorado Hotel & Spa Santa Fe, NM

## 2005 Whittington Wine-Off Results

The results are as follows:

### **Red Wines**

Eleven red wines were juried. However, two were from foreign countries (France and Australia), and one was submitted too late to get enough ratings to give a valid mean. There was enormous variation in the ratings for the same wine, suggesting that the tasters were not highly developed oenophiles (probably more interested, in real life, in quantity and cost rather than taste!). The top-rating red was from Texas, with a mean score of 2.63, winery unknown (submitted by Barbara Dawson). Runner up was also from Texas, McPherson winery, with a rating of 2.67 (submitted by H. G. Whittington).

### **White Wines**

Seven whites were submitted, from 7 states. Not surprisingly, the California Chardonnay (submitted by Maurice Davidson) won with a mean score of 2.69. Runner-up was an Indiana wine; since Bob Brown submitted it, I examined the bottle carefully and saw no evidence that the label had been tampered with. Its mean score was 3.

### **"Other"**

A Texas blush wine (submitted by VJ Ganju) won hands down.

Now, keeping in mind the skepticism of College members, undoubtedly some will think three Texas wines winning might have something to do with the fact that a Texan handled the scoring. I would be glad to email the spread sheets to anyone who might be interested. To maintain the purity of the undertaking, however, we'd better have a committee handle the scoring next year!

Thanks,  
H.G. Whittington