



Earlier this year, Darby English won the “King’s Cup” for the highest scoring wine overall, in the Winemakers’ Golden Grape Awards. This is the competition for winemakers, of winemakers and by winemakers. It is the only major wine competition in the state judged exclusively by winemakers who are also competing.

Over 30 wineries vinifying wine in Woodinville submitted wines into the competition this year in the categories of Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Rhone varietals and blends, and Bordeaux blends. All wines were blinded and tasted in flights over three days of judging.

“The fact that it’s all a blind tasting is a great thing,” English said. “The fact that we are all winemakers and we are super critical that makes it more special for me to be recognized.” He also indicated how important this competition is, “I don’t enter any other award competitions.”

2011 Live Wire Rose \$19.99

2011 Live Wire Marsanne \$21.99

2009 Live Wire Cabernet/Merlot \$26.99

2009 Live Wire Syrah \$26.99

2010 Live Wire Cabernet Franc \$29.99

Darby isn’t giving away his secrets just yet, so make sure you come in and help us draft the tasting notes for Seattle Magazine’s “Winemaker to Watch!”