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**Washington State shines in *Wine Enthusiast's* Top 100 list**  
*More than 10 percent of the world's best bottles come from Washington*

**SEATTLE** (December 1, 2009) – Washington State wines made an impressive showing in *Wine Enthusiast's* Top 100 Wines of 2009, with 11 spots on the list. The editors of *Wine Enthusiast* compose the list based on several criteria, giving special focus to wines with a high quality-to-price ratio. Despite being a relatively small producer in the global wine market, Washington State managed to capture over 10% of the top wines of the year.

According to *Wine Enthusiast* contributor Paul Gregutt, “this year’s list is the all-time best showing for Washington State on any national publication’s best-of list.”

Charles Smith Royal City Syrah received the number 2 ranking, and was the only wine on the list with 100 points. Poet’s Leap received the highest scoring Riesling, with the number 8 spot.

Here is the complete list, by ranking, of Washington State wines, and their scores, in the Top 100 list:

- 2 – Charles Smith 2006 Royal City Syrah (100)
- 8 – Poet’s Leap 2007 Riesling (94)
- 16 – Betz Family 2006 Père de Famille Cabernet Sauvignon (96)
- 39 – Fielding Hills 2007 RiverBend Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (95)
- 62 – Leonetti Cellar 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon (96)
- 73 – Andrew Will 2006 Ciel du Cheval Vineyard Red Wine (95)
- 74 – Buty 2007 70% Sémillon/26% Sauvignon/4% Muscadelle (94)
- 82 – Chateau Ste. Michelle/Dr. Loosen 2008 Eroica Riesling (93)
- 86 – Stevens 2006 BlackTongue Syrah (94)
- 95 – Rôtie Cellars 2007 Southern Blend Red Wine (94)
- 97 – Woodward Canyon 2006 Merlot (94)

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