



Platinum Award

2006 Alma Rosa Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard, Sta. Rita Hills

The first Sommelier Challenge is now in the books and we are pleased to report it was a resounding success. Eleven sommeliers from some of the nation's finest restaurants gathered in San Diego September 26-27 to evaluate 552 wines from nine different countries, awarding 409 medals, including 49 platinums.

“Our sommeliers were open-minded and fair, bestowing platinum upon the least expensive as well as the most expensive wines entered. There was an abundance of conviviality throughout the weekend -- after all, our somms are in the business of hospitality -- but they were all business as they relished the opportunity to blind taste so many wines made in so many different styles from so many different countries over the two days of tasting”. *Robert Whitley, Director, Sommelier Challenge*

For a complete list of awards -

http://www.sommelierchallenge.com/results_so.html.