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## IVWA 2010: White Single Varieties

The best white single varieties from the Wine Access 2010 International Value Wine Awards

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As in years past, this is one of the most exciting and interesting categories. While names such as moschofilero, grüner veltliner, fiano and assyrtiko might not roll easily off the tongue, the wines made from these grapes certainly roll easily across the taste buds. This category is a great way to expand your repertoire with some interesting wines from the Old World. For something more familiar, pinot blancs showed well, taking three of the top 10 spots. (Rhys Pender)

### Category Champions

**89 Red Rooster 2009 Pinot Blanc Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada**  
BC \$17, AB \$20, NB \$21

The much-maligned pinot blanc has again defied its critics, producing a category champion. This grape continually produces great wines at great value prices. The Red Rooster is classic B.C. pinot blanc, with good intensity on the nose, showing lemon, peach and pear aroma. The palate is balanced, with refreshing acidity, flavours of melon and pear and a medium-long finish. Reliable, refreshing and affordable. (RP)

**89 Boutari 2009 Moschofilero Northern Greece**  
BC \$19, ON \$12, QC \$15, NL \$19

A grape variety that few will be familiar with, but many will enjoy as the attractive and intense aromas of flowers, stone fruit and sherbet are easy to like. The wine delivers on the palate, with a dry, quite viscous texture and just enough acidity for balance. The flavours of peach and grapefruit combine with the variety's characteristic spice and floral notes to produce a very dry, satisfying wine that lingers with a long finish. (RP)

### **Judges' Choice**

88 **Domaine Tselepos** 2009 Mantinia Moschofilero, Peloponnese, Greece \$18-\$20

88 **Hester Creek** 2008 Pinot Blanc, Oliver, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada \$15-\$17

88 **Mission Hill** 2009 Five Vineyards Pinot Blanc, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada \$14-\$19

88 **Calona Vineyards** 2009 Artist Series Sovereign Opal, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada \$13-\$16

88 **Laurenz V** 2009 Singing Grüner Veltliner, Austria \$21-\$23

88 **Santa Ana** 2009 Reserve Torrontés, Mendoza, Argentina \$13-\$18

87 **Barefoot Cellars** NV Moscato, California, United States \$9-\$12

87 **Gray Monk** 2009 Ehrenfelser, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada \$16-\$20

87 **Inniskillin Okanagan** 2008 Discovery Series Chenin Blanc, Oliver, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada \$16-\$18

87 **Boutari** 2009 Santorini, Greece \$14-\$20

87 **Osborne** 2008 Montecillo Rioja Blanco, Rioja, Spain \$15-\$19

87 **Gray Monk** 2009 Pinot Auxerrois, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada \$16-\$22

87 **Ironstone Vineyards** 2008 Obsession Symphony, Lodi, California, United States \$11-\$17

87 **La Puerta** 2009 Torrontés, La Rioja, Argentina \$10-\$14

87 **Peller Estates Okanagan** 2009 Family Series Pinot Blanc, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada \$12-\$14

87 **Settesoli** 2009 Inycon Estate Grower's Selection Fiano, Sicily, Italy \$11-\$14

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