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On May 20, the Wine Institute of California partnered with the USDA/FAS office in Berlin on a marketing activity celebrating the 35th anniversary of the 'Judgment in Paris.'

California Wines – Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the ‘Judgment in Paris’

On May 20, the Wine Institute of California partnered with the USDA/FAS office in Berlin to celebrate the anniversary of the ‘Judgment in Paris,’ a 1976 wine competition in which French judges conducted blind tasting of top-quality chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon wines from France and from California. The ‘Judgment in Paris’ was a watershed event, overturning long-held beliefs and marking the arrival of U.S. wines on international markets.

The tasting took place at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin and was led by sommelier Gunnar Tietz from Berlin’s Palace Hotel and Christine Berthold from the [Wine Institute of California](#). U.S. Ambassador Philip D. Murphy kicked off the event, noting that global competition has made very good wines available to more people than ever before.

Participants in the lunch and tasting included German wine trade journalists, bloggers, and culinary press.

Coverage of the event may also be found on [Facebook](#).



U.S. Ambassador Murphy and sommelier Gunnar Tietz

The following is a list of the wines tasted:

r	2 0 0 6	Ravenswood Teldeschi Zinfandel	Wein Wolf Import GmbH & Co. Vertriebs KG, 53227 Bonn, Tel. 0228-44960	www.weinwolf.de
w	2 0 0 8	Schug Carneros Chardonnay, Sonoma	Pacific Wine Company GmbH, 63225 Langen, Tel. 06103-280247	www.pacificwine.com
w	2 0 0 8	Robert Mondavi Fume Blanc	Wein Wolf Import GmbH & Co. Vertriebs KG, 53227 Bonn, Tel. 0228-44960	www.weinwolf.de
r	2 0 0 7	Grgich Hills Napa Valley Zinfandel	California Wines Margot Schmitt, 80997 München, Tel. 089-1493129	www.californiawines.de
r	1 9 9 7	Ridge Monte Bello, California	Alpina Burkhard Bovensiepen GmbH, 86803 Buchloe, Tel. 08241-50050	www.alpinawein.de
r	1 9 9 9	Château Montelena Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	Alpina Burkhard Bovensiepen GmbH, 86803 Buchloe, Tel. 08241-50050	www.alpinawein.de
r	2 0 0 5	Shafer Cabernet Sauvignon Hillside Select, Stag's Leap District	Pacific Wine Company GmbH, 63225 Langen, Tel. 06103-280247	www.pacificwine.com
r	2 0 0 5	Heitz Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	Unger Weine KG, 83112 Frasdorf, Tel. 08052-951380	www.ungerweine.de
r	2 0 0 6	Duckhorn Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	Weingarten Eden GmbH & Co. KG, 94167 Bad Griesbach / Tettenweis, Tel. 08532-920050	www.weingarten-eden.de
r	2 0 0 6	Robert Mondavi Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Wein Wolf Import GmbH & Co. Vertriebs KG, 53227 Bonn, Tel. 0228-44960	www.weinwolf.de
r	2 0 0 6	M by Michael Mondavi, Napa Valley	TxB International Fine Wines GmbH, 53501 Grafschaft, Tel. 02225-918710	www.txb-finewines.com

r	2 0 0 6	Darioush Cabernet Sauvignon	California Wines Margot Schmitt, 80997 München, Tel. 089-1493129	www.californiawines.de
r	2 0 0 6	Phelps Insignia	California Wines Margot Schmitt, 80997 München, Tel. 089-1493129	www.californiawines.de
r	2 0 0 7	Stag's Leap Wine Cellars S.L.V.	Wein Wolf Import GmbH & Co. Vertriebs KG, 53227 Bonn, Tel. 0228-44960	www.weinwolf.de
r	2 0 0 8	Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	Weingarten Eden GmbH & Co. KG, 94167 Bad Griesbach / Tettenweis, Tel. 08532-920050	www.weingarten-eden.de
w	2 0 0 8	Shafer Red Shoulder Ranch Chardonnay, Napa Valley	Pacific Wine Company GmbH, 63225 Langen, Tel. 06103-280247	www.pacificwine.com
w	2 0 0 7	Gary Farrell Chardonnay, Russian River Valley	Weingarten Eden GmbH & Co. KG, 94167 Bad Griesbach / Tettenweis, Tel. 08532-920050	www.weingarten-eden.de
w	2 0 0 7	Mer Soleil Santa Lucia Highlands Chardonnay, California	Weingarten Eden GmbH & Co. KG, 94167 Bad Griesbach / Tettenweis, Tel. 08532-920050	www.weingarten-eden.de
w	2 0 0 7	Ridge Monte Bello Chardonnay	Alpina Burkhard Bovensiepen GmbH, 86803 Buchloe, Tel. 08241-50050	www.alpinawein.de
w	2 0 0 8	Château Montelena Chardonnay, Napa Valley	Alpina Burkhard Bovensiepen GmbH, 86803 Buchloe, Tel. 08241-50050	www.alpinawein.de
w	2 0 0 8	Grgich Hills Napa Valley Chardonnay	California Wines Margot Schmitt, 80997 München, Tel. 089-1493129	www.californiawines.de
w	2 0 0 7	Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs, North Coast	California Wines Margot Schmitt, 80997 München, Tel. 089-1493129	www.californiawines.de