

Tagaris Winery Taverna Tagaris

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Eliseo Silva Wines win 2 medals in Pacific Rim International Wine Competition

The Tagaris Winery brand Eliseo Silva has been awarded Bronze Medals for the 2005 Cabernet (under \$20) and the 2006 Syrah (under \$15) at the Pacific Rim International Wine Competition held April 22-23, 2009 in San Bernardino, California. One of the largest and most respected **wine** competitions in the west, The Pacific Rim International Wine Competition is open to wineries located in North and South America, New Zealand and Australia.

The Eliseo Silva Brand is named for the long time vineyard manager who helped pioneer grape growing on the Wahluke Slope in Eastern Washington with vineyard owner Mike Taggares. Their two vineyards- Areté, and Alice Vineyards represent 300 acres of vitus vinifera first planted in 1983 which produce some of the most highly sought after fruit in the state.

Proclaimed the "*best \$30 bottle of wine \$10 can buy*" by Frank Roth, Tagaris Winemaker, the awards prove the quality and value of the Eliseo Silva brand.

- Vintage **2005 Cabernet** Rich black cherry, pomegranate with a trace of black tea, leather & chocolate
- **2006 Syrah** Aromas of ripe blackberry and plum jam, light raspberry and cherry blossom notes with a kiss of vanilla and spice. Juicy ripe Bing cherry and blackberry jams note long dep bakers chocolate. Finishes long and elegant with a hint of white pepper spice

Tagaris is an estate winery producing both white and red wines from its old-vine *Areté* Vineyards* and younger Alice Vineyards. Both vineyards comprise over 200 acres of 16 varieties of vitas vinifera lying on the north and south slopes of Saddle Mountain near the Wahluke Slope.

Michael Taggares founded Tagaris Winery in 1987. The winery honors the proper Greek spelling of the family name whose members descended from the royal family and first began growing wine grapes in the 15th century. Tagaris winery is the modern day result of three generations of grape growers in Washington's Columbia Valley, where the climate and soil reminded Michael's grandfather of his Greek homeland.

"Frank Roth's incredible talent for crafting our wines in the true European style continues to win top medals of excellence." We are proud that the new generation of Tagaris Wines is receiving such incredible notoriety" Taggares affirms.

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