

# Tagaris Winery Taverna Tagaris

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## Eliseo Silva takes Silver Award at 2009 San Diego International Wine Competition

The Eliseo Silva wines; second label of Tagaris Winery in Richland, WA was honored with a silver medal at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual San Diego International Wine Competition, March 21-22, 2009 at the Westgate Hotel in downtown San Diego. The San Diego International Wine Competition is one of the oldest and most prestigious wine competitions in the United States with 2000 wines from 12 countries entered in the 2009 judging.

Eliseo Silva 2006 Syrah received silver honors.

This is one of the first wines that winemaker Frank Roth personally crafted after joining Tagaris in 2006.

Frank Roth started winemaking right out of school when he worked for Harry McWatters at Sumac Ridge Estate Winery in Summerland, British Columbia and Hawthorne Mountain Vineyards in Okanogan Falls. For the past 10 years he was Cellar Master for legendary winemaker Rob Griffin of Barnard Griffin Winery, one of Washington State's first accomplished winemakers.

Roth's goal at Tagaris is to "become the premiere authority for making wine using as little oak as possible so the vibrant fruit flavors of the wine are predominant".

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.

The winery is attached to the Taverna (Greek for small, intimate restaurant) which includes a full service gourmet restaurant serving Mediterranean cuisine, an outdoor Patio Kouzina (Greek for Kitchen) with a 33 ft. basalt fountain at its center, open air bar with cocktail service and special events spaces that can accommodate parties from 40 to 250.

\* For tasting notes go to [www.EliseoSilva.com](http://www.EliseoSilva.com) and look under the TRADE tab.

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