

Tagaris Winery Taverna Tagaris

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Eliseo Silva Wines win 3 medals in Pacific Rim International Wine Competition

The Tagaris Winery brand Eliseo Silva has been awarded a Gold Medal for the 2005 Chardonnay (under \$15); a Gold Medal for the 2007 La Rosa de Syrah, and a Bronze Medal for the 2006 Sauvignon Blanc (under \$15) at the Pacific Rim International Wine Competition held April 23-24, 2008 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- Arete, 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 Chardonnay** (30% barrel fermented) has a smooth, refreshing, cleansing mouth fill with chewy rich apple and pear fruit with a caramel butterscotch finish.
- **2007 La Rosa de Syrah** has bright juicy berry fruit, hints of melon, berries and cream, smooth and fun to drink.
- The **2006 Sauvignon Blanc** is a classic example of Arête Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, bright rich tropical fruit, hints of grass and subtle herbaceous notes, long, elegant and extremely refreshing

14,000 cases have been bottled under the Eliseo Silva brand. Distribution is within the Pacific Northwest as well as a few selected states in the national market. A&B Imports in Seattle will distribute the I-5 corridor from Bellingham to Vancouver, WA. Lynch Distributors will distribute to retailers in Benton, Franklin, Yakima, Kittitas, and Walla Walla Counties. Retailers carrying the Eliseo Brand in the Seattle Market include: Olympic Market, Central Market, Thriftway, Grape Adventure, Manetta Wine, Vinotique Café, Ballard Market, QFC Redmond/Inglewood, Fred Meyer/Gig Harbor & Port Townsend, Community Food, Tacoma Boys, Wine Styles, Meridian Market, Tarragona Wine, Vino 100, European Vine, Fairhaven Market, Seattle Wine Company, Central Market, Esquin, and Pasta & Co. In Eastern Washington the wine is available at Grandview Marketplace, Rosauers in Yakima, Ellensburg Wine Works, Fiesta Foods in Pasco, Sports Page and Ice Harbor at the Marina in Kennewick. **Special requests for the wine can be made with the wine buyer at any retail store.**

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