

BACK BURNER

**Cabrillo's Dare To Pair
event winners announced***Sentinel staff report*

SANTA CRUZ — Cabrillo's second annual Dare to Pair event took place May 1 at the tasting rooms of Surf City Vintners. Judges included Sentinel restaurant reviewer Ann Parker, Chris LaVeque of Salchichero Butcher Shop, Brad Briske of Main Street Garden and Cafe, Joe Schultz of India Joze, and Jerry Starr, a wine writer for examiner.com. Here are the results:

PEOPLE'S CHOICE, BEST PAIRING

FIRST PLACE: Sones Cellars 2009 Cancion Del Mar, White Wine Blend, California. Paired with smoked pork tenderloin, apricot fruit chutney and herbed goat cheese. Chefs Jessica Fitz, Heather Henderson and Kris Coleman.

SECOND PLACE: Quinta Cruz 2008 Touriga, Pierce Ranch, San Antonio Valley. Paired with BBQ duck pizetta, walnut arugula pesto, aged goat cheese, balsamic red wine caviar. Chefs: Daniel Lewis, Alexander Estuesta.

THIRD PLACE: Storrs Winery 2008 Grenache, Central Coast. Paired with braised chuck roll, mushroom risotto, arugula, mini white chocolate bowl and blackberry panna cotta. Chefs Eric Carlon, Elizabeth Lee and Josh Ethrington.

JUDGE'S CHOICE, BEST PAIRING

FIRST PLACE: Quinta Cruz 2008 Touriga, Pierce Ranch, San Antonio Valley, Monterey County. Paired with barbecued duck pizetta, walnut arugula pesto, aged goat cheese, balsamic red wine caviar. Chefs Daniel Lewis and Alexander Estuesta.

SECOND PLACE: Trout Gulch 2009 La Belle Petite Poulette, Alta Mesa. Paired with grilled shrimp with quinoa risotto and sun-ripened fruit salad. Chefs Gina Gardner, Darcey Yerly and Daniel Ennamorato.

THIRD PLACE: Storrs Winery 2008 Grenache, Central Coast. Paired with braised chuck roll, mushroom risotto, arugula, mini white chocolate bowl and blackberry panna cotta. Chefs Eric Carlon, Elizabeth Lee and Josh Ethrington.

FAVORITE DISH: Smoked pork tenderloin, apricot fruit chutney and herbed goat cheese. Chefs Jessica Fitz, Heather Henderson and Kris Coleman.

FAVORITE WINE: Odonata 2008 Malbec, Silvaspoons Vineyard, Alta Mesa.