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## Indie writing competition - a guide



**18 Sep** We have just one more account to publish tomorrow morning, when we will announce our winning writer and our winning retailer. Cue drumroll.

**16 Aug** Our call to [support independent wine merchants](#) has had a hugely enthusiastic response. Right up to the deadline at midnight last night, we have been inundated by accounts of favourite indie retailers written by their customers. Clearly our readers care very much indeed about where and from whom they buy their wine.

This guide gives you a full list of all the reviews we have published so far, with the most recently published at the top. Although we are no longer accepting entries to our competition, we will continue to publish wine merchant reviews well into September, when we will announce the winners. Don't forget that this is a **writing competition** and the winner of what we judge to be the best account of a favourite independent wine retailer will win an individually dedicated copy

of *Wine Grapes*. The wine retailer we judge to be the best in the world according to the entries received (which may in the end have no direct connection with the best-written entry) will be offered two tickets to our forthcoming London tasting of 2010 Barolos on the night of Sunday 23 November, together with a fortifying lunch beforehand at [The Quality Chop House](#).

The list below makes a good global wine-buying guide - although see also our directory of 750 wine retailers around the globe in [Where to buy](#), just part of our 150,000-word **free** [Learn](#) section.

[Ferry Plaza Wine Merchant](#), San Francisco, USA - Deborah Hughes, 19 September 2014

[La Cave du Suisse d'Alger](#), Gard, France - Max Smith, 18 September 2014

[Bolomey Wijnimport](#), Amsterdam, The Netherlands - Peter Keller, 17 September 2014

[The Good Wine Shop](#), London, UK - Lori Shook, 16 September 2014

[East End Cellars](#), Adelaide, Australia - Gavin Duley, 15 September 2014

[Soif d'Ailleurs](#), Paris, France - Leah Ambler, 12 September 2014

[Joseph Barnes Wines](#), Essex, UK - Tom Lewis, 11 September 2014

[The Wine Shop of Minnetonka](#), Minnesota, USA - Lucy Mathews Heegaard, 10 September 2014

[The French Cellar](#), Singapore - Chan Wai Xin, 9 September 2014

[Anuva Wines](#), Buenos Aires, Argentina - Patrick Gillespie, 8 September 2014

[The Vintage Wine Merchants' collection](#), California, USA - various, 5 September 2014

[The Private Cellar collection](#), Suffolk, UK - various, 4 September 2014

[The Windham Wines collection](#), Vermont, USA - various, 3 September 2014

[The Uncorked collection \(and Sura\)](#), London, UK - various, 2 September 2014

[The Chambers Street Wines' collection](#), New York, USA - various, 1 September 2014

[Elie Wine Company](#), Michigan, USA - Evan Hansen, 29 August 2014

[Vinsionaire](#), Hong Kong - Mei Ling Fok, 28 August 2014

[The Wine Shop](#), Somerset, UK - Richard Noy, 27 August 2014

[L'Aronde Sancerroise](#), Sancerre, France - Regine Lee, 26 August 2014

[Dedalus Wine](#), Vermont, USA - Marcy Waterfall, 25 August 2014

[Edgmond Wines](#), Shropshire, UK - Shawn Halpin, 22 August 2014

[Vintage Wine Merchants](#), California, USA - Bruce Prime, 21 August 2014

[In Vino Gildas](#), Luxembourg - Ari Danielsson, 20 August 2014

Flatiron Wines & Spirits, New York, USA - Carol Hartland, 19 August 2014

Prohibition Wines, London, UK - Jeremy Smith, 18 August 2014

The Vineyard, Surrey, UK - Malcolm von Schantz, 15 August 2014

LHK Fine Wines, London, UK - David Harris, 14 August 2014

Windham Wines, Vermont, USA - Jan Bouch, 13 August 2014

Cantina Peppone and Port Francs Vins, Bordeaux, France, and Auvernier, Switzerland - Phil Norris, 12 August 2014

Back Room Wines, Napa, USA - Catherine Seda Bogue, 11 August 2014

Private Cellar, Suffolk, UK - John Casson, 8 August 2014

Chambers Street Wines, New York, USA - Kristen Porro, 7 August 2014

D Byrne & Co, Clitheroe, UK - Fred Reid, 6 August 2014

Cave des Arceaux, Montpellier, France - Vicky Corbeels, 5 August 2014

Leon Stolarski, Hucknall, UK - Julian Osborne, 4 August 2014

The Crossley seven, London, UK - David Crossley, 1 August 2014

Domaine Wine Co, Dallas, USA - Tom Wesner, 31 July 2014

Uncorked, London, UK - Rich M Hughes, 30 July 2014

Gallo Wine Gallery, Piemonte, Italy - David Muhleman, 29 July 2014