It's very enriching to interact with judges from different parts of the world. There is no better event – it's so well organised there is very little for judges to do other than taste and score the wines.

Ignatius Chan (Judging Middle East, Far East and Asia, p221)

Switzerland 2006
Late harvest but expressive. Nice, elegant, bitter pepper and mineral edge.
Ex-cellar: CHF24.90

Ptujška Klet, Sauvignon, Puljus, Stajerska Slovenija, Podravje, Slovenia 2007
Steely with fruit on the nose. Good crisp acidity. Balanced.
Ex-cellar: €4.30

Chardonnay, Moravské Tyrke, Tchaj-wan, 2006
 minerally, fruit on the palate.
Ex-cellar: €43.50

Sonberk, Ryzlink Rynsky, Podmírný, Mikulovsko, Moravia, Czech Republic 2007
Ex-cellar: €11.50

Stirbey, Prince Stirbey, Sauvignon Blanc, Vilis Vetus, Valachia, Romania 2006
Fruity, leafy Sauvignon character. Some acidity too.
UK: £12.50; IvT

Talvi Wine Cellar, Marani, Ts'nandali, Kakheti, Georgia 2007
Young apple blossom aromas. Fresh acidity, mineral and pear hints. Not complex but bright.

Bronze (Rose)

Guerilla, Rosé, Vipava Valley, Primorje, Slovenia 2007
Leafy, vivid redcurrant fruit. With a good acidity and structure. Generous with decent length.
Ex-cellar: £5.10
US: $8.50
Telavi Wine Cellar, Marani Rosé, Kakheti, Georgia 2007
Red fruit nose, but touch closed. Fresh, bright, balanced. Simple berry fruit. Well handled.

Bronze (Red)

Chandrebi, Ovella, Kakheti, Georgia 2004
UK: £16.99; Wai

Daminshita, Uniquato Rubin, Tzioni Nizina, Bulgaria 2006
Ex-cellar: £4.50

Heumann, Villányi Cuvée, Villány, Transdanubia, Hungary 2005
Firm, ripe and aromatic. Fresh, juicy and classic. Nice finish.

Jozef Bock, Bock Syrah, Villány, Transdanubia, Hungary 2005
Ex-cellar: £8

Katarzyna Estate

Contemplations – Triple Red, Thracian Valley, Southern Region, Bulgaria 2006
Darnson, spice and some toastiness. Ripe fruit. Medium weight and length.
Ex-cellar: £6

Katarzyna Estate, First Vintage, Thracian Valley, Southern Region, Bulgaria 2006
Nose is developed. Elegant, simple, some ripeness and freshness. Decent length.
Ex-cellar: £8

Pannonhalmai Borház, Apatsagi Pinot Noir, Pannonhalma-Sokorója, Transdanubia, Hungary 2006
UK: £9.75; Mx

Provinis Valais, Clos Corbassières Vin de Domaine, Valais, Switzerland 2004
Rubber, petrol nose. Good juice, ripe, cool climate. Decent tannins.
Ex-cellar: CHF49

San Tomás, Antonius, Primorje, Slovenia 2004
Heavy-duty extraction. Lots of oak tannins and berry fruits.
UK: £16.50; IvT

Simic Marjan, Pinot Noir Reserve, Goriska Brda, Primorje, Slovenia 2005
UK: £14.50; HBa

Simic Marjan, Teodor Red Reserve, Goriska Brda, Primorje, Slovenia 2003
Complex coffee, black fruit, violets and vanilla. Textured, full tannins. Chocolatey grip.
UK: £24.10; HBa

Tbilvino, Mukuzani Saperavi, Mukuzani, Kakheti, Georgia 2005
Super-ripe fruit nose. Well-integrated palate. Tannins dry, but pleasing.

Telavi Wine Cellar, Marani Saperavi, Kakheti, Georgia 2006

Telavi Wine Cellar, Satsrapeo Saperavi, Mikulazani, Khakhei, Georgia 2004
UK: £11.20; Evi

Teliani Valley, Kindzmaurali, Khakhei, Georgia 2004
UK: £6; Gmj

Terra Tangra, Roto, Exclusive Sélection, South Sakar, Southern Region, Bulgaria 2006
Cherry, cassis, spice and