

THE BERLIN TASTING NYC

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In 1976, some wines from **California** got their due when a group of **snooty French wine critics** selected them over some of the finest wines their own country had to offer. When the results of what has gone down in wine-lover lore as "The Judgment of Paris" became known, the Frenchmen could scarcely believe their ears. A quarter century later, a winemaker from Chile, **Eduardo Chadwick**, decided to attempt the same feat in New York, pairing wines from his **Errázuriz** vineyards against the best from the Old World and New.

Held today at the **Mandarin Oriental**, the blind tasting attracted some of the most discerning critics in America, as the 2006 wines of Errázuriz were pitted against wines from **Chateau Lafite**,

Sassicaia, Opus One and elsewhere. As was the case in 1976, there were upsets aplenty, including the fact that one of the Errázuriz wines, **Kai** (a blend of 87% Carmenere with the balance being Petit Verdot and Syrah) took the top spot among the ten wines on the list. The closely monitored tasting (which was certified by a top-flight accounting agency) amply proved that the best wines from Chile are underpriced and wrongly overlooked. Track down a bottle of 2006 Kai yourself and see what the fuss is all about.