# Kael Compton's Award Winning Cheesecake



Kael Compton won best of show at the Benton County
Fair with this cheesecake recipe. It's easy to add toppings
to change up the flavors: fresh fruits or preserves, crushed
candy bars, chocolate shavings, crystallized ginger and
more. Get creative!

Suggested wine pairing: **Compton Pinot Gris** – The richness of cheesecake is complemented by the hints of lemon, pear, peach and honey found in our Pinot Gris.

## **Ingredients**

#### Crust

- 1 ½ cups of crushed graham crackers (Crush in Food processor)
- 4 tbsp of sugar
- 1/3 cup of melted butter
- Add sugar to the crushed crackers, mix in the butter press into the sides and bottom of your springform pan

### **Filling**

- 3 (8oz) packages of cream cheese
- 1 ½ cup of sugar
- 4 eggs separated
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp vanilla

## Instructions

- 1. Preheat oven 325
- 2. Use electric mixer to blend well the cream cheese, sugar, egg yolks, lemon juice, vanilla
- 3. Fold in the egg whites
- 4. Gently spoon the filling in the form pan
- 5. Bake at 325 F degrees for 40 minutes
- 6. Leave in the over for an additional hour with the oven turned off. This is an important step to keep the cheesecake from cracking.
- 7. Move the cheesecake to the freezer for 6 hours, let defrost before serving.