

ANNUAL AMATEUR WINE COMPETITION

The 2017 Amateur Wine Competition will be held on April 27th. Entry forms are available online (www.sonoma-marinfair.org/entries/) and at the Fair Office in Petaluma. We encourage you to enter the 12th Annual Amateur Wine Competition in April of 2017!

ENTRIES OPEN MARCH 1ST AND CLOSE APRIL 20TH, 2017!

EXHIBITS RELEASED: Unopened bottle will be available for pickup on Monday, June 26, 2017
8:00 am to 7:00 pm - Showcase Building

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 (each entry consists of two bottles)

LIMIT: None

RULES

1. An amateur is 21 years of age and over who does not have an enology degree, or work at a winery in any winemaking capacity, and no part of their livelihood is derived from commercial wine production.
2. Competition is open to residents of the State of California.
3. Danish System of Judging, Gold, Silver and Bronze Rosettes offered per class.
4. An entry consists of two bottles of your wine.
5. Label: Identify bottle with exhibitor name, class number & wine type prior to delivery.
6. Percent residual sugar in white wine must be listed on the entry form.
7. Exhibits that are not picked up within the release time will be discarded.
8. When a class says "specify," you must identify the type of wine you are entering in that category.

Amateur Wine Label Contest (No Entry Fee) - Open to Amateur Wine Exhibitors

1. Any amateur wine entry with a label is automatically entered in the label contest.
2. Only those affixed on the bottles entered are eligible.
3. Label recognition will be awarded to the entrant of the wine, not the designer of the label.
4. Traditional Amateur Wine Label - to be judged on size, shape, composition, and general appearance.
5. Novelty Amateur Wine Label - to be judged on originality, humor, composition, and general appearance.
6. Each label must contain the following: name of winery or winemaker, variety, and vintage.

AWARDS FOR WINE LABEL CONTEST

\$25 Cash Award & Rosette for Best of Show
Sponsorship Available

Classes

Fortified Wines

1. Angelica, Port, Sherry, etc.
(please specify on entry form)

Non-Grape Wines

2. Fruit Wines (please specify on entry form)
3. Any other non-grape wine

Pink Wines

4. Blanc de Noirs
5. Rosé Blends
6. White Zinfandel
7. Any other rosé varietal (please specify on entry form)

Red Wines

8. Cabernet Franc
9. Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 & younger
10. Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 & older
11. Generic Red Wine (please specify on entry form)
12. Merlot
13. Petite Sirah
14. Pinot Noir
15. Sangiovese

Classes

Red Wines Continued

16. Syrah/Shiraz
17. Zinfandel
18. Bordeaux Blends (Meritage, etc.)
19. Any other red varietal (please specify on entry form)

Sparkling Wines

20. All Sparkling Wines (please specify on entry form)

White Wines

21. Chardonnay
22. Generic White Wine (please specify on entry form)
23. Gewürztraminer
24. Sauvignon Blanc
25. Meritage White
26. Any other white varietal (please specify on entry form)

Other

27. Late Harvest Red
28. Late Harvest White
29. Dessert Wine Red
30. Dessert Wine White
31. Homemade Liqueurs