

2011 Amateur & Professional
WineContest

Oklahoma State Fair®
September 15-25



Entry Deadline August 15

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION



\$15 per entry for Amateur Wine Makers

\$30 per entry for Professional Wine Makers

Register by Mail: Please complete and return the attached entry form. Be sure to include the name of the winery, a complete mailing address, and the name (first and last) and phone number of a contact person in case there are any questions, errors, or shipping problems. If you are an amateur wine maker and you do not have a winery name, you may use your first and last name in place of the winery name.

Register Online: Online entries will be accepted starting July 1. Please go through the online entry fields at www.okstatefair.com. Begin by clicking Competitive Events and selecting Online Entry. Please register with your WINERY NAME and not your first and last name. If you are an amateur wine maker and you do not have a winery name, you may use your first and last name.

Registration and Payment Deadlines: Registration and payment must be submitted by August 15. Check or money order should be made payable to Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. VISA and Mastercard are also accepted if paying online.

Mail entry form and fees to:

Oklahoma State Fair, Inc.
ATTN: Wine Contest
P.O. Box 74943
Oklahoma City, OK 73147

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The professional level competition is open to all wineries, distributors, and importers. Amateur entrants must be a resident of the United States and 21 years of age or older to enter.

Only one wine may be entered in each class and each entry requires two (2) bottles of wine. One bottle will be for tasting, one for display. Please ensure that the bottles have corresponding labels. Bottles will NOT be returned. The entries must be in 750 ml. bottles with identifying labels. A 375 ml. bottle will be accepted for dessert wines.

Tip for Amateur Wine makers - Please make sure that your bottles are labeled with the winery name with which you have registered. If your name does not appear on the wine label, please attach a smaller label or sticker to the underside of the bottle with your first and last name.

All wines entered must be fermented by the entering wine maker. This rule will be strictly adhered to and strongly enforced. Any wine maker who enters a wine that is not fermented at his/her home or at a licensed winery will be disqualified from the competition. Amateur wine makers related to professional wine makers may not enter in the amateur division.

All contests are conducted under the Oklahoma State Fair and the Creative Arts General Rules. In signing the entry form for the State Fair, the entrant agrees that his or her entries are in full agreement with these rules and the rules of the Oklahoma State Fair.

JUDGING

Awards will be on a merit basis. The judges are instructed to grant no awards when, in their opinion, products are unworthy. They are empowered to grant duplicate awards.

After all wines are scored, the top-scoring wines of each category will be judged again for the determination of the Best of Show Awards. Decisions of 2011 Oklahoma State Fair Wine Contest judges will be final. Judges will be selected by the Oklahoma State Fair and consist of members representing trade, education, media, retail and restaurants. The contest will be a blind judging by category, then class.

The Non-Grape Wines class will be limited to natural wines produced from honey or fruits other than grapes, Judges will be advised as to what type of wine they are tasting (specific fruit or honey).

AWARDS

All wine categories may be presented with the following awards: Best of Show, Gold, Silver, Bronze. Amateur wines will be judged separately from professional wines.

Best of Show awards will be given for white wine and for red wine in the amateur and professional divisions. The Best of Show Awards may go to wine in any class.

Medals and ribbons will be distributed by mail to all winners in November 2011 or you may make arrangements to pick up your awards. Media releases will be issued for Best of Show winning wines.

WINE LABEL CONTEST

Every wine (with a distinct label) entered into the Wine Contest will also be entered into the Wine Label Contest. Labels will be judged on clarity, creativity, and overall design. Wine bottle labels for wines entered into the amateur wine division will be judged alongside wines entered in the professional division. Judges will not be told which wines are amateur entries and which wines are professional entries.

First, second, third, and best of show ribbons will be awarded as prizes.

SHIPPING

The wines should be shipped to arrive between August 22 and August 26, 2011. This allows time for staff to verify that the proper wines have been shipped and to reship any wines that may have been sent in error or damaged in transit. Shipping and import duty costs are the sole responsibility of the entrant. Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. will not assume costs for shipping errors, import taxes, or freight charges.

Boxes must be marked for "FOR COMPETITION ONLY, NOT FOR RESALE" and must contain a copy of your entry form and any special instructions.

OKLAHOMA RESIDENTS

Ship to:
Oklahoma State Fair, Inc.
ATTN: Wine Contest
3001 General Pershing Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73107

OUT-OF-STATE or INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

Ship to:
Chapel Creek Winery, LLC
ATTN: Wine Contest
5005 Darlington Rd.
El Reno, OK 73036

WINE CLASSIFICATIONS

(ONLY ONE WINE MAY BE ENTERED PER CLASS)

AMATEUR CATEGORIES (Division 3801):

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| 01. White Grape - Dry | 11. Novelty - Dry |
| 02. White Grape - Sweet | 12. Novelty - Sweet |
| 03. Red Grape - Dry | 13. Rose' - Dry |
| 04. Red Grape - Sweet | 14. Rose' - Sweet |
| 05. Native Grape -Dry | 15. Sparkling |
| 06. Native Grape - Sweet | 16. Dessert/Aperitif |
| 07. Fruit, Dry | 17. Blended - Dry |
| 08. Fruit, Sweet | 18. Blended - Sweet |
| 09. Berry Dry | 19. 100% Oklahoma-Grown Grapes |
| 10. Berry Sweet | |

PROFESSIONAL CATEGORIES (Division 3802):

Vinifera White

01. Generic & other blended whites
02. Chardonnay
03. Sauvignon/Fume Blanc
04. Riesling
05. Chenin Blanc
06. Gewurztraminer
07. White Zinfandel
08. Other White Vinifera
09. Rose' and blush wines

Vinifera Red

10. Generic & blended reds
11. Cabernet Sauvignon
12. Merlot
13. Pinot Noir
14. Zinfandel
15. Rhone varieties/blends
16. Italian varieties/blends
17. Other Vinifera reds/blends

Specialty Categories

18. Fruit wines (non-grape)
19. Sparkling wines
20. Dessert wines

CLASSIFICATION RULES

All wines listed by a varietal name must contain at least 75% of that variety. All entries with more than 1% residual sugar must state percentage on entry form. All dessert, organic, non-alcoholic, and non-grape wines must be categorized by appropriate class.

“Specialty” categories:

Wines bearing a vintage date of five years (or more) preceding this year’s contest will be categorized as library wines and will be judged in age-group categories.

WINE DONATION

Professional wineries competing in the 2011 Wine Contest will have the opportunity to donate wine for various State Fair functions. Each winery will be permitted two (2) “no fee” entries for each case of wine donated, up to a total of twelve (12) “no fee” entries (six donated cases of wine equal 12 “no fee” entries). Any additional entries the winery would like to make may be made, and the entry fees will apply.

If you are donating wine, you must indicate on your entry form which entries are “no fee” entries. Donated wines must be shipped with your entries, and all wines must arrive at State Fair Park (or Chapel Creek Winery, for out-of-state entries) between August 22 and August 26, 2011.

If you are interested in donating wine, contact: Rozz Grigsby, Creative Arts Coordinator
(405)948-6731 or rozzgrigsby@okstatefair.com