

2018 Amateur & Professional
Wine Contest

Oklahoma State Fair
September 13-23
Wine Judging - Friday, July 6



Entry Deadline Friday, June 22

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION



OKLAHOMA
State Fair
WINE COMPETITION

\$15 per entry for Amateur Wine Makers

\$30 per entry for Professional Wine Makers

Register Online: THIS YEAR, all entries MUST be done online. Payments will accompany your wine when delivered, along with the Information Form on pg. 4. Online entries will be accepted beginning June 1, 2018. Go to okstatefair.com to enter. Begin by clicking "Competitions" and select "Wine and Home Brew." You will see a registration link on that page. Please create your exhibitor account under your name. You will be asked to enter the winery name for each entry registered. If you are an amateur wine maker and do not have a winery name, please use your last name under the required "winery" field.

Wine Delivery: Complete and print the attached information form and include it with a check or money order when you deliver your wine between June 22-29, 2018. If shipping wine, include the form and payment and be sure wine, form and payment are received by June 29.

Wine Pick-Up: Display bottles of wine will be available for pickup at the Creative Arts Bldg. on Tuesday, September 25, from 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. A third party may pick up wine only with written permission. After this time, all wine becomes property of the Oklahoma State Fair.

Registration and Payment Deadlines: Online registration must be completed June 22, 2018. Wine must be delivered (or received if shipped) between June 22-29, 2018. Check or money order must be made payable to Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. VISA and Mastercard are also accepted. Credit card payments may be made by calling 405.948.6710 weekdays between 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CST.

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 is for tasting and one for display. Please ensure that the bottles have corresponding labels. The entries must be in 750 ml bottles with identifying labels. A 375 ml bottle will be accepted for dessert wines. If you wish to reclaim your unopened bottles, you MUST be present on the reclaim date of September 26 between 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Bottles not picked up at that time will become property of the Oklahoma State Fair.

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, 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 are presented 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 are judged again for the determination of the Best of Show Awards. Decisions of 2018 Oklahoma State Fair Wine Contest judges are final. Judges are 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 is 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).

MEDALLIONS & ROSETTES

All wine categories may be presented with the following awards: Grand Champion International, Best of Show, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Oklahoma wines are also eligible for Grand Champion Oklahoma. Wineries using Oklahoma-grown grapes may be considered for the Max Knotts Award (see below). Amateur wines are judged separately from professional wines.

The Grand Champion International Award goes to the best wine from any location: state, national or international. The Grand Champion Oklahoma Award goes to the best wine from the state of Oklahoma. Best of Show awards are 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.

WINE LABEL CONTEST

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

Special ribbons are awarded for award winning labels.

MAX KNOTTS VINTNER AWARD

Wines produced from Oklahoma-grown grapes are eligible for the Max Knotts Vintner Award.

Vintners must designate three wines to be considered for this award. Total points for the award are earned through medallions awarded (3 for gold, 2 for silver, 1 for bronze) on these three wines. The winner receives a specially sculpted award during the Wine & Home Brew Awards Ceremony at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15 during the Oklahoma State Fair.

Note: In the event of a tie, judges will make the award based on the quality of the top wine for each vintner.

SHIPPING

The wines should be shipped to arrive between June 22 - 30, 2018. This allows time for staff to verify that the proper wines have been shipped and to re-ship 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 COMPETITION ONLY, NOT FOR RESALE" and must contain a copy of your entry form as well as any special instructions.

OKLAHOMA RESIDENTS, OUT OF STATE AND INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS:

Ship to:

Oklahoma State Fair, Inc.

ATTN: Wine Contest

3001 General Pershing Boulevard

Oklahoma City, OK 73107

WINE CLASSIFICATIONS

(ONLY ONE WINE MAY BE ENTERED PER CLASS)

AMATEUR CATEGORIES (Division 3801):

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| 01. White Grape - Dry | 08. Novelty - Sweet |
| 02. White Grape - Sweet | 09. Rose' - Dry |
| 03. Red Grape - Dry | 10. Rose' - Sweet |
| 04. Red Grape - Sweet | 11. Sparkling |
| 05. Fruit & Berry - Dry | 12. Dessert/Aperitif |
| 06. Fruit & Berry - Sweet | 13. Blended - Dry |
| 07. Novelty - Dry | 14. Blended - 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
10. Traminette
11. Seval Blanc

Vinifera White (continued)

12. Vidal Blanc
13. Vignoles
14. Chardonel
15. Cayauga
16. Muscadine
17. Niagra

Vinifera Red

18. Generic & blended reds
19. Cabernet Sauvignon
20. Merlot
21. Pinot Noir

Vinifera Red (continued)

22. Zinfandel
23. Chambourcin
24. Norton/Cynthiana
25. Frontenac
26. Rhone varieties/blends
27. Italian varieties/blends
28. Other Vinifera reds/blends

Specialty Categories

29. Fruit wines (non-grape)
30. Sparkling wines
31. 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 2018 Wine Contest will have the opportunity to donate wine to the Oklahoma State Fair. These wines are often used in high profile events and are an excellent opportunity to showcase your winery’s best products. Each winery will be permitted two (2) “no fee” entries for each case of wine donated, up to a total of 12 “no fee” entries. Six (6) donated cases of wine equal 12 “no fee” entries. **Note: Twelve (12) is the maximum number of “no fee” entries. Additional donations may be made but 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 between June 22 - 29, 2018.

If you are interested in donating wine, please contact:

Clayton Bahr, Wine Contest Manager at Clayton.Bahr@gmail.com or
Nancy Nortz, Creative Programs Senior Manager, 405-948-6731

