

COMMERCIAL WINE COMPETITION

OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF CALIFORNIA

Wines MUST be made from produce of The Sierra Foothills AVA (American Viticulture Area) including the following counties: Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Mariposa, Nevada or Placer, Tuolumne or Yuba Counties. This must be stated on the commercial label in some recognized form.

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ENTRIES RECEIVED ONLINE ONLY

Fees can be paid online or by check made out to the:
Amador County Fair, P.O. Box 9, Plymouth, Ca 95669

March 27th through April 17th

SHIPPING/DROP OFF LOCATION:

Amador County Fair Wine Competition
C/O Amador 360
18590 CA-49,
Plymouth, CA 95669

Judging: Saturday, May 9th at 10 am & Sunday, May 10th at 9 am (Sweeps only)

FAIR'S WINE TASTING: Fri, July 24th 7:00 pm – check on-line for pricing

DIVISION 125 - COMMERCIAL WINES

Entry Fee: \$30.00 per Entry
No Cash Awards - Medals Only
Awards if sponsored

BEST OF SHOW

sponsored by Clockspring Vineyards

SIERRA FOOTHILLS WINERY OF THE YEAR

sponsored by Amador Vintners

BEST RED WINE

sponsored by Sobon Estate/Shenandoah Vineyards

BEST WHITE WINE

sponsored by Terra d' Oro Winery

BEST DESSERT/SWEET WINE

sponsored by Clockspring Vineyards

BEST ROSE

sponsored by Prospect Cellars

BEST AMADOR CO. RHONE VARIETAL

sponsored by Terra d' Oro Winery

BEST AMADOR CO. RED ZINFANDEL

sponsored by Terra d' Oro Winery

BEST AMADOR COUNTY ITALIAN VARIETAL

sponsored by Vino Noceto

BEST AMADOR COUNTY IBERIAN VARIETAL

sponsored by Cooper Vineyards

ENTRIES SHALL CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING RULES:

1. Entries become property of the Amador County Fair and will not be returned.
2. **Entries must be received by 4 PM, April 16, 2020. Entries submitted after this date may not be accepted and if accepted will be assessed a late fee of \$15 per bottle**
3. All classes will be judged single blind. Awards will be based on Danish System of Judging. Double Gold, Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards will be based totally on the recommendations of the judges judging each class. The judges for each division will recommend a Best of Class Award.
4. All wines will be stored in a temperature-controlled environment prior to the judging.
5. The wine judging is not open to the public. However, the Fair Wine Tasting, held Friday, July 24th is open to all. Entries will feature the **award-winning** wines poured by the wineries. Admission will be charged. Pouring at the event is limited to competition entrants.
6. Wines bottled under bond by a California Winery. Each entry consists of **THREE (3)** bottles of wine (**750 ml,**) or FOUR (4) bottles (smaller than 750 ml.) One bottle is for display during the fair, and the remaining

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bottles are for judging or backup in case of breakage. Sweepstake competitors may require an additional bottle of wine-TBD after competition

7. Any bottles not opened for judging may be used by the Amador County Fair for promotional purposes.
8. The inventory requirement for wine entries has been removed. If possible, please have sufficient quantity of each entry to pour at the Fair's **July 24th** Wine Tasting event.
9. Barrel samples are not allowed. No exceptions.
10. All wines must have TTB approved labels attached for the specific wine entered. No "approval pending" type labels will be allowed.
11. Wine entered in "Blend" categories **must state varietal** on label. All varietals and percentages must be stated on entry form.
12. Wine entered must be available for public purchase from June 1st to August 31st.
13. The Director of the Competition reserves the right to combine classes when the number of entries warrants, or to divide classes if the range of sweetness or other factors warrants.

SIERRA FOOTHILLS WINERY OF THE YEAR

Part 1: The number and rank of Double Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Best of Class, and Best of Show awards won by the winery's **top 5** wines. Points will be given for each Class Medal as well as Best of Class, Best Red Wine, Best White Wine, Best Dessert/Sweet Wine, Best Rose and Best of Show. (Awards given for "Best of Amador County" selections will be excluded as these compete in the "Best of" Category.)

Part 2: The percentage of entered wines by a winery that wins awards.

Class - WHITE WINES (UP TO & INCLUDING 1.0 RS)

1. Sauvignon Blanc
2. Viognier
3. Other White Rhone Varietals (Marsanne, Roussanne) & White Rhone Blends - **2** or more of any Rhone Varietal
4. Chardonnay
5. Other White Varietals – Albarino, Chenin Blanc, Gewurztraminer, Pinot Gris, Riesling, Semillon, etc.
8. Other White Varietal Blends
9. White Table Wines (Variety **not** stated on the label)
10. Sparkling Wines

Class – RED WINES

11. Primitivo
12. Zinfandel, Regular - Alc: < 14.6%
13. Zinfandel, Regular - Alc: > 14.5%
14. Sangiovese / Sangiovese / Brunello
15. Barbera
16. Other Red Italian Varietals – Aglianico, Charbono, Dolcetto Freisa, Nebbiolo, Refosco, Teroldego
17. Red Italian Blends - **2** or more of any Italian Varietal
18. Grenache
19. Mourvedre
20. Syrah / Shiraz
21. Petite Sirah / Durif
22. Other Red Rhones – Alicante Bouschet, Carignane, Counoise
23. Red Rhone Blends - **2** or more of any Rhone Varietal
25. Tempranillo
26. Cabernet Franc
27. Cabernet Sauvignon
28. Red Bordeaux Blends – 2 or more of any Bordeaux Varietal
29. Other Red Varietals - Cinsault, Malbec, Mission, Pinotage, Petite Verdot, Pinot Noir
30. Other Red Varietal Blends
31. Red Table Wines (Variety **not** stated on the label)

Class - ROSE, PINK & BLUSH WINES

37. Varietal Rose – Barbera, Cinsault, Grenache, Malbec Merlot, Nebbiolo, Sangiovese, Syrah, Tempranillo, etc.
38. Other Rose – Blend, Table Wine, White Zinfandel, etc.

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Class - SWEET WHITE WINES (ABOVE 1.0-% RS)

- 45. Varietal and Varietal Blend Sweet Wines
- 46. White Table Wines (Variety **not** stated on the label)

Class - DESSERT WINES

- 51. Port (Iberian varietals/blends only) & Port Style Wines (non-Iberian Varietals)
- 52. Red Dessert
- 55. White Dessert

Class - NON-GRAPE WINES

- 60. Apple
- 61. Berry
- 62. Other Non-Grape