

## Special Contest – 35th Annual Competition

# WINEMAKING

## Amateur Competition

**Coordinator:** Jay Conner, Novato

### Timeline & Rules

**To Enter:** either **Register Online** by Thursday, May 7 at [marinfair.org](http://marinfair.org)  
or **deliver your Entry Form** by Friday, May 1, 5 pm, Fair Office  
2020 Registration Fee: \$1 per person online, \$2 per person via paper form

**Entry Limit** → None

**Entry Fee** → \$10 per Entry - \$4 per Entry for Wine Labels

**Deliver Wine** → On or before Friday, May 8, 5 pm

*Note: Include a copy of your Entry Form with wine*

### Wine Receiving Locations:

- Marin County Fair Office ----- 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA  
415.473.7048
- Oak Barrel Winecraft----- 1443 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, CA  
510.849.0400
- Napa Fermentation Supplies ----- 575 Third Street, Napa, CA  
Building A, inside Fairgrounds 707.255.6372
- The Beverage People----- 1845 Piner Road, Suite D, Santa Rosa, CA  
707.544.2520

**Judging** → Ribbon Awards – Saturday, May 23, 10 am

**Selection of Best of Show Awards** → Saturday, May 30, 10 am

**Announcement of Awards** → Saturday, June 27 at  
[oakbarrel.com](http://oakbarrel.com)

**Wine Displayed at Fair** → Wednesday, July 1 through  
Sunday, July 5, Exhibit Hall

**Exhibits Released** → Tuesday, July 7, 12 Noon to 7 pm, Exhibit Hall

**Ribbons & Scorecards Mailed** → by Wednesday, July 15

**ALL EXHIBITS NOT PICKED UP ON JULY 7 WILL BE DESTROYED**

1. Local and State Rules govern this Competition.
2. Competition is open to all amateur winemakers over 21 years of age. Amateur is defined as a person who does not hold an enology degree, and who makes wine only non-commercially, without assistance from any commercial winemaking facility. No commercial wines may be entered in this competition.
3. Wines are to be bottled & labeled in 750 milliliter or fifth bottles, except Dessert Wines & Ciders which may be entered in 375 milliliter or tenth bottles.
4. **Exhibitors must provide two bottles of wine in each class entered.** Bottles not used in the judging may be claimed by the exhibitor at the end of the Fair. Entries will be displayed during the Fair and should be properly labeled with the exhibitor's name, division, and class prior to delivery.

5. A written critique of each wine will be made available to each entrant.
6. Every effort will be made to judge similar wines together. Exhibitors are requested to provide adequate information on bottle labels to allow categorization, and it is particularly helpful if sweetness is indicated as sweet, off-dry, or dry. Judges reserve the right to reclassify wines to facilitate judging.
7. The Marin County Fair or its representatives retains the right to refuse or disqualify any entries that do not meet the specifications of the rules of competition.
8. The Danish System of Judging will be used in judging for ribbon awards. Each wine will be judged against established standards of commercial quality, rather than how it compares with the other exhibits. Under this system, it is possible that all, or no, entries could win any given ribbon. Blue Ribbon winners will, however, be judged comparatively for the Best of Show awards. Wines will be judged by professional standards.
9. For further information contact the Fair Manager at 415.473.7048.

<b>■ Judging Scale-Danish System ■</b>		
<u>QUALITY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>RIBBON</u>
1st Group - Superior	92%-100%	Blue
2nd Group - Good	84%-91%	Red
3rd Group - Average	70%-83%	White

## **Division 11 Red Wines**

**Entry Fee – \$10 per entry**

### **Class**

- 1 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2014 and older
- 2 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015 and younger
- 3 Merlot
- 4 Pinot Noir
- 5 Syrah
- 6 Zinfandel
- 7 Red Blend
- 8 Rosé or Pink, please specify kind on entry form
- 9 Any other Red Grape, please specify kind on entry form

## **Division 12 White Wines**

**Entry Fee – \$10 per entry**

### **Class**

- 10 Chardonnay
- 11 Sauvignon Blanc
- 12 Any other White Grape(s), please specify kind on entry form

## **Division 13 Dessert Wines**

**Entry Fee – \$10 per entry**

### **Class**

- 13 Late Harvest
- 14 Port
- 15 Sherry
- 16 Dessert Wines, any other, please specify kind on entry form

**Division 14 Fruit Wines****Entry Fee – \$10 per entry****Class**

17 Fruit Wines, all types, please specify kind on entry form

**Division 15 Mead Wines****Entry Fee – \$10 per entry****Class**

18 Traditional Mead (Dry, Semi-Sweet, Sweet), please specify on entry form

19 Melomel, Fruit Mead – Cyser (Apple), Pyment (Grape) &amp; Other Fruit, please specify on entry form

20 Mead Wines, any other, Metheglin, Braggot, etc., please specify on entry form

**Division 16 Sparkling Wines****Entry Fee – \$10 per entry****Class**

21 Sparkling Wines, all types, please specify kind on entry form

**Division 17 Ciders****Entry Fee – \$10 per entry****Class**

22 Ciders, all types, please specify kind on entry form

**Division 18 Wine Labels****Entry Fee – \$4 per entry****Class**

23 Submit your original label affixed to a piece of card stock or any other stiff paper. Labels will be judged on originality, creativity, readability, etc.

**Danish System of Judging – Awards Offered per Class**1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, & Honorable Mentions – Rosette Ribbons  
(Awarded at the discretion of the Judges)**Best Entry of Each Class – \$10 & Rosette Ribbon**  
**(Classes 1 through 22, chosen from 1st Place Winners)****Best of Show Awards**

Overall Best of Show ----- \$100 &amp; Plaque

Best Red or Pink Wine ----- \$50 &amp; Rosette Ribbon

Best White Wine ----- \$50 &amp; Rosette Ribbon

**Red or Pink & White Wine Best of Show Awards***Courtesy of ~* **Chris & Cynthia Haeuser, San Rafael**

Best Dessert or Fruit Wine ----- \$50 &amp; Rosette Ribbon

Best Mead Wine ----- \$50 &amp; Rosette Ribbon

Best Sparkling Wine or Cider ----- \$50 &amp; Rosette Ribbon

Best Wine Label ----- \$25 &amp; Rosette Ribbon