

# 2017 Sonoma County Harvest Fair Amateur Wine Competition Guide

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A CELEBRATION OF LOCAL FOOD, WINE & BEER

<b>Entries Close:</b>	Friday, August 25, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
<b>Wine Received:</b>	August 18 to August 25, Bring or ship bottles to the Entry Office, Admin Building, Sonoma County Fairgrounds 1350 Bennett Valley Rd., Santa Rosa 95404.
<b>Office Hours:</b>	Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>Judging:</b>	Saturday, September 9, Showcase Café.

Results will be available online at HarvestFair.org and displayed with unopened bottle of wine during the Fair.

<b>Wine on Display:</b>	2017 Sonoma County Harvest Fair – Garden Building October 6-8 <i>Friday 4 pm -9 pm Sat/Sun 11 am-5 pm</i>
<b>Wine Released:</b>	Display bottle and tasting notes will be available for pickup: Sunday, October 8, between 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. <b>or</b> Monday, October 9, between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Pick up location is the Garden Annex Building)
<b>Limit:</b>	None
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$12.00 per entry. Each entry consists of two bottles.

## Online Entries Accepted!!

Register and pay for your wine entries using our online entry system.  
Print out your receipt and bring it with you when you drop off your bottles!

You can enter online here:

<http://harvestfair.org/amateur-wine>

## Danish System of Judging Medals offered per class: Gold \* Silver \* Bronze

### Rules:

1. An amateur is one who makes wine as a hobby.
2. Danish System of Judging, Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals offered per class
3. An amateur is 21 years of age and over who does not have an enology degree, does not work in a winery in any winemaking capacity, and no part of his or her livelihood is derived from commercial wine production.
4. A written critique of each wine will be available to the exhibitor of the wine.
5. An entry consists of two bottles of your wine.
6. Label: Identify bottle with exhibitor name, class number & wine type prior to delivery.
7. The judging bottles should not have a "cork topper" or foil. (Display and label contest bottle can be finished with foil top.)
8. Percent residual sugar in the wine must be listed on the entry form.
9. Exhibits that are not picked up within the release time will be discarded.

## **Amateur Wine Awards Offered**

- **Finest Red Amateur Wine** .....Sponsored By Sonoma County Harvest Fair
- **Finest White Amateur Wine**.....Sponsored By Sonoma County Harvest Fair

## **Sparkling Wines**

### **Class**

1. All Sparkling Wines (please identify grape and % residual sugar on entry form)

## **White Wines**

### **Class**

2. Sauvignon Blanc
3. Gewurztraminer (please identify % residual sugar on entry form)
4. Chardonnay
5. Generic White wine (please identify on entry form)
6. Any other white varietal (please identify grapes and % residual sugar on entry form)

## **Fruit Wines**

### **Class**

7. All fruit wines (please identify fruit and % residual sugar on entry form)

## **Pink Wines**

### **Class**

8. Generic Rose (please identify % residual sugar on entry form)
9. Varietal Rose (please identify grape and % residual sugar on entry form)

## **Red Wines**

### **Class**

10. Pinot Noir
11. Merlot
12. Cabernet Franc
13. Bordeaux Blends (meritage, etc.)
14. Cabernet Sauvignon
15. Rhone Types (e.g. Carignane, Mataro/Mouvedre, etc.; please identify)
16. Sangiovese
17. Generic red wine (please identify on entry form)
18. Syrah
19. Petite Sirah
20. Zinfandel
21. Any other red varietal (please identify on entry form)

## **Other**

### **Class**

22. Late Harvest or Dessert Red
23. Late Harvest or Dessert White
24. Homemade Liqueurs

## **Fortified Wines**

### **Class**

25. Angelica, Port, Sherry, etc. (please identify on entry form)

## **2016 Amateur Wine Sweepstakes Winners**

**Finest Red Wine:** Joseph Hansen, Sonoma 2013 Petite Sirah

**Finest White Wine:** Bob Bennett, Healdsburg 2013 Chardonnay

# **Amateur Wine Label Contest Open to Amateur Wine Exhibitors**

(Any wine entered with a label is automatically entered into this contest)

**No Cash Awards Offered  
American System of Judging  
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place rosettes offered per class**

## **Rules:**

1. Any amateur wine entry with a label is automatically considered in the Label Contest. Only those affixed on the bottle entered are eligible.
2. Label recognition will be awarded to the entrant of the wine, not to designer of the label.
3. Automatic entry - no entry fee or pre registration is required.
4. First, Second, and Third Place Rosettes offered per class
5. Traditional Amateur Wine Labels are judged on size, shape, composition, and general appearance.
6. Novelty Amateur Wine Label are judged on originality, humor, composition, and general appearance.
7. Each label must contain the following information:
  - a. Name of Winery or Winemaker
  - b. Variety
  - c. Vintage

## **Amateur Wine Novelty Label Awards**

- Traditional Label, In memory of Warren Dutton.....Sponsored By Gail Dutton, Sebastopol
- Humorous Label, In memory of Warren Dutton .....Sponsored By Sonoma County Harvest Fair

## **Amateur Wine Label Winners**

**Traditional: Hat Trick by Gary Comstock  
Humorous: Brows and Stache by Mato Herceg & Tony Dimond**