

Sonoma County Harvest Fair Presents
2021 Professional Wine Competition

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- ENTRIES OPEN:** July 1, 2021
- ENTRIES CLOSE:** Friday, August 20, 5:00 p.m.
Enter online at www.enofileonline.com or visit our website at www.harvestfair.org
Paper entry forms are also accepted. Download and print the PDF form on our webpage.
- DELIVERY:** All wine for judging must be delivered to the Sonoma County Fairgrounds between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 31 through Thursday, September 2
- JUDGING:** Tuesday and Wednesday, September 14-15, 2021
- AWARDS:** Announcement – September 19
- FAIR DATES:** ~~October 8-9, 2021~~ **CANCELLED THIS YEAR**
- WINE ENTRY FEE:** \$65.00 per wine (on-line) \$75.00 per wine (paper)
After August 20 \$75.00 (online) \$85.00 (paper)
- PARTICIPATION FEE:** \$60.00 (a one-time competition participation fee per winery or brand entered)
- ENTRY QUANTITY:** 4 bottles of wine per entry * (see 3 below)

Danish System of Judging - Awards Offered per Class
Double Gold Gold Silver Bronze

ENTRY RULES:

1. ELIGIBILITY. Any wine made with grapes grown in Sonoma County, with a Sonoma County designated A.V.A. as the only region listed on the label.
2. ALL WINES MUST BE ENTERED/OWNED BY THE EXHIBITOR.
3. An official entry shall be considered a 750 ml bottle, with 4 bottles per entry required. If the entry is a 375 ml split, 6 bottles shall be required. If the entry is larger than 750 ml, 2 bottles shall be required. *There is no limit on the number of entries you may submit.*
4. No wine, although marketed under different labels, may be entered in more than one class per year. Entry of a wine in a preceding Harvest Fair shall not preclude it from being entered again.
5. When one company at a bonded premises operates two or more separate producing or marketing organizations and each represents a significant amount of the company's business, such operating entities may submit separate entries under separate trade names. The exhibiting company must be prepared to show proof that such separate entries are distinct in terms of blend, residual sugar, A.V.A. of origin, or other identifiable characteristics.
6. **Winery shall reserve 50 cases of each wine entered, conforming to the sample submitted, and have each available for purchase at the time of judging through Harvest Fair weekend, October 8 & 9.**
7. The Sonoma County Harvest Fair may, at its option, require that each wine entered for judging be certified by a qualified representative of the fair who shall satisfy himself that the sample actually represents gallons on hand, that the item is commercially available to the public, and that the lot size was originally comparable to normal for that particular type and label.
8. **NOTE:** The intent of rule 7 is to ensure that wines submitted for entry are, in fact, produced and available for consumer purchase.
9. Prices listed per bottle on the entry blank must remain effective through the Monday following the Harvest Fair. Retail price per bottle must be consistent with tasting room or regular retail pricing.
10. All wineries awarded a Best of Class, Double Gold or Gold Medal are required to pour in the Tasting Pavilion both days of the fair. Any winery that fails to provide their wines & pouring personnel in Grace Pavilion will be assessed a fee of \$150.00 per day.
11. Entrants not adhering to rules shall be subject to evaluation and review by the board.
12. Only Gold and above winning wines will be published in the Awards Booklet.

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**PUBLIC TASTING
COVID-19 NOTICE AS OF AUGUST 4, 2021**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

*Due to recent spread and an increase in COVID-19 cases throughout the nation and here locally. As the County continues to modify programs and policies throughout this pandemic in order to keep our community safe, the **Sonoma County Harvest Fair Board has decided to POSTPONE THE PUBLIC GRAND WINE TASTING to 2022.** Our primary priority has always been the health and safety of everyone involved, and as much as we were looking forward to bringing this community event back this year, we must follow the best practices for helping to stop the spread.*

We are still conducting our professional wine competition, and professional food competition, and we look forward to honoring all of our amazing local wineries and food purveyors. We have some much amazing talent in the County, and we are excited shine light on that talent.

As was done last year, we are able to conduct the judging with all the necessary safety protocols in place for our judges and staff. The Professional Wine Competition and Professional Food Competition will be conducted in August and September, with Award Winners being announced at the end of September. We look forward to announcing the winners and celebrating our community.



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Wine Classes

COMMERCIALLY PRODUCED WINES

One Sweepstakes Winner to be chosen from each of the three categories

SPECIALTY WINES (specific % residual sugar must be listed on entry form)

1. Any Sparkling Wine
2. Dry Rose (.00 RS)
3. Off Dry Rose (.01 RS and above)
4. All dessert wines (late harvest, port)

WHITE WINES (specific % residual sugar must be listed on entry form)

5. Sauvignon Blanc, Fume Blanc styles, Retail Price up to \$24.99
6. Sauvignon Blanc, Fume Blanc styles, Retail Price \$25.00 & over
7. Chardonnay, Retail Price up to \$24.99
8. Chardonnay, Retail Price \$25.00 to \$34.99
9. Chardonnay, Retail Price \$35.00 & over
10. Pinot Gris/Pinot Grigio
11. Other White Varietals and Blends

RED WINES

12. Pinot Noir, Retail Price up to \$34.99
13. Pinot Noir, Retail Price \$35.00 to \$49.99
14. Pinot Noir, Retail Price \$50.00 to \$54.99
15. Pinot Noir, Retail Price \$55.00 and over
16. Petite Sirah
17. Syrah/Shiraz
18. Grenache
19. Zinfandel/Primitivo, Retail Price up to \$34.99
20. Zinfandel/Primitivo, Retail Price \$35.00 to \$39.99
21. Zinfandel/Primitivo Retail Price \$40.00 to \$49.99
22. Zinfandel/Primitivo Retail Price \$50.00 and over
23. Italian varietals
24. Merlot, Retail Price up to \$24.99
25. Merlot, Retail Price \$25.00 & over
26. Cabernet Sauvignon, Retail Price up to \$34.99
27. Cabernet Sauvignon, Retail Price \$35.00 to \$44.99
28. Cabernet Sauvignon, Retail Price \$45.00 to \$54.99
29. Cabernet Sauvignon, Retail Price \$55 and over
30. Red Blends, Cabernet leading variety
31. Red Blends, Merlot leading variety
32. Red Blends, any other
33. All Other Red Varietals

Remember!

You can enter your wines into
our competition.
through EnofileOnline

It is easy and saves time!

www.enofileonline.com

Please contact the Harvest Fair if
you have any questions:
(707) 545-4203

Wine Awards



JAMES GUYMON MEMORIAL Annual Award

Presented to the Sweepstakes Winning White Wine by Sonoma County Harvest Fair

This award was established in 1978, in honor of Dr. James Guymon's contributions to the Sonoma County Harvest Fair, as well as to the grape and wine industries. He was a Professor of Enology and Viticulture at the UC Davis, until his death in 1978.

PREVIOUS GUYMON AWARD WINNERS

| | | |
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| 2012 | Angeline | 2011 Sauvignon Blanc, Russian River Valley |
| 2013 | Rodney Strong Vyds | 2011 Reserve Chardonnay, Russian River Valley |
| 2014 | Selby | 2013 Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma County |
| 2015 | Trione Vineyards | 2014 Sauvignon Blanc, Russian River Valley, River Road Ranch |
| 2016 | J. Rickards Winery | 2015 Sauvignon Blanc, Alexander Valley, Croft Vineyard |
| 2017 | Davis Family Vynds | 2016 Chardonnay, Russian River Valley |
| 2018 | Ferrari Carano | 2017 Fume Blanc, Sonoma County |
| 2019 | Russian River Vynds. | 2018 Chardonnay, Petersen Vineyard, Russian River Valley |
| 2020 | Hanna | 2019 Sauvignon Blanc, Russian River Valley |

GEORGE COOKE MEMORIAL Annual Award

Presented to the Sweepstakes Winning Red Wine by Sonoma County Harvest Fair

This award was established in 1988 to honor Mr. George Cooke, Extension Enologist, UC Davis, for his life long contribution to the California Wine Industry and especially to the Sonoma County Harvest Fair Wine Competition. Mr. George Cooke was the first Harvest Fair Wine Judging Coordinator in 1975.

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PREVIOUS COOKE AWARD WINNERS

| | | |
|------|----------------------|---|
| 2012 | Pezzi King | 2010 Old Vine Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley, Pezzi King Vineyard Row 26 |
| 2013 | Estate 1856 | 2010 Cabernet Bordeaux Blend, Sonoma County |
| 2014 | Balletto | 2013 Pinot Noir, Russian River Estate BCD Vineyard |
| 2015 | Matrix Winery | 2013 Russian River Valley Estate Reserve Pinot Noir |
| 2016 | Russian River Vynds. | 2014 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, Horse Ridge Vineyards |
| 2017 | Balletto | 2014 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, Estate |
| 2018 | Buena Vista | 2016 Bela's Selection Pinot Noir - Russian River Valley |
| 2019 | J Vineyards | 2017 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley |
| 2020 | Balletto | 2018 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, Cider Ridge Vineyard, Estate |

MIKE LEE MEMORIAL Annual Award

Presented to the Sweepstakes Winning Specialty Wine by Sonoma County Harvest Fair

This award was established in 2010, in honor of Mike Lee; a staunch supporter and former board member of the Sonoma County Harvest Fair as well as a pioneer in the making and promotion of Sonoma County wines.

PREVIOUS LEE AWARD WINNERS

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| 2012 | Pezzi King | 2010 A Royal Rot Sauvignon Blanc, Dry Creek Valley |
| 2013 | Breathless Wines | Blanc de Noirs Sparkling Wine, Sonoma County |
| 2014 | Windsor Vineyards | Blanc de Blanc Sparkling Wine, Sonoma County |
| 2015 | Clos du Bois | 2013 Fleur Late Harvest Semillon, Knights Valley, Reserve |
| 2016 | Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards | 2007 Royal Cuvee, Carneros |
| 2017 | Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards | 2010 Anniversary Cuvee, Carneros |
| 2018 | Breathless | 2012 Brut, Sonoma County |
| 2019 | Balletto | 2013 Sparkling Brut Rose, Russian River Valley, Estate |
| 2020 | J. Rickards Winery | 2019 Ava Rae Rose of Grenache, Alexander Valley |

CRYSTAL DECANTER

Presented to the winemaker producing the Sweepstakes Winning Wines by Sonoma County Harvest Fair

Established in 1989, a Decanter has been awarded to each of the winemakers of the sweepstakes winning wines.

PREVIOUS WINNING WINEMAKERS

| | White Wine | Red Wine | Specialty Wine |
|------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2012 | Bill Batchelor, Santa Rosa | Chris Barrett, Santa Rosa | Chris Barrett, Santa Rosa |
| 2013 | Greg Morthole, Healdsburg | Janice Schmidt, Healdsburg | Penny Gadd-Coster, Healdsburg |
| 2014 | Susie Selby, Santa Rosa | Anthony Beckman, Santa Rosa | Nancy Walker, Mendocino |
| 2015 | Scot Covington, Forestville | Diane Wilson, Healdsburg | Melissa Stackhouse, Geyserville |
| 2016 | Blaine Brazil, Cloverdale | Giovanni Balistreri/Anthony Austin | Steve Urberg, Napa |
| 2017 | Guy Davis, Healdsburg | Anthony Beckman, Santa Rosa | Steve Urberg, Napa |
| 2018 | Sarah Quider, Healdsburg | Brian Maloney, Calistoga | Penelope Gadd-Coster, Healdsburg |
| 2019 | Giovanni Balistreri, Forestville | Nicole Hitchcock, Windsor | Anthony Beckman, Santa Rosa |
| 2020 | Jeff Hinchcliffe, Healdsburg | Anthony Beckman, Santa Rosa | Blaine Brazil, Cloverdale |

Wine Judging

JUDGING

Judging Coordinator: Bob Fraser

1. Blind judging will be done by panels consisting of three judges.
2. Where there are fewer than three entries in a class, they may be judged in appropriate groups.
3. All wines must list percent residual sugar on the entry blank.
4. At the discretion of the judging panel, the fair representative will have the authority to have checked by a professional lab any wine they feel is not the proper residual sugar for the class.
5. Awards will be made on a merit basis. The judges are instructed to grant no awards when, in their opinion, wines are unworthy, and they are empowered to grant duplicate awards if the quality of the wines so merit. **Gold Medal** awards must be wines which define the varietal character in a manner only rarely encountered. **Double Gold** indicates a unanimous decision by the panel of judges. **Silver** awards must show superior varietal character. **Bronze** awards must show significant, above average definition. **BEST OF CLASS** will be selected from all gold medal winners in every class, top winners advance to the sweepstakes round.
6. SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS: Sweepstakes winners are determined by private ballot. Based on ballots accumulated, a sweepstakes white wine, a sweepstakes red wine, and a sweepstakes specialty wine will be selected. Staff will notify all wineries awarded a Best of Class wine to ensure that the quantities listed in Entry Rule 6 on page one (1) have been met.
7. **Only Double Gold, Gold and Best of Class winning wines will be published in the Awards Booklet.**

2021 Professional Wine Judges

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| Carrie Boyle, Wine Writer, Sacramento Magazine | Sacramento, CA |
| Mike Dunne, Freelance Writer, | Sacramento, CA |
| Sahar Gharai, Owner La Dolce Vita Wine Lounge | Petaluma, CA |
| Bill Hayes, Wine Category Manager, BevMo!..... | Concord, CA |
| Pat Henderson, Winemaking Consultant/Educator | Sonoma, CA |
| Barry Herbst, Wine Category Manager, Bottle Barn..... | Santa Rosa, CA |
| Jennifer Kelly, VP Sales & Marketing, Donald Patz Wine Group | Yountville, CA |
| Rick Kushman, Wine Commentator, Capital Public Radio | Sacramento, CA |
| Ellen Landis, Wine Journalist, CS, CSW | Windsor, CA |
| Laura Ness, Wine Columnist | Los Gatos, CA |
| Deborah Parker-Wong, Discover Wine & Spirits Academy | San Francisco, CA |
| Dr. Richard Petersen, Consulting Winemaker | Davis, CA |
| Rob Renteria, Sommelier, Restaurateur..... | San Francisco, CA |
| Greg Richtarek, Wine Manager, Safeway | Campbell, CA |
| Christopher Sawyer, Wine Writer and Sommelier | Petaluma, CA |
| Tom Simoneau, KSRO WineGuy | Healdsburg, CA |
| Evan Williams, Restaurateur..... | South Lake Tahoe, CA |
| Wilfred Wong, Chief Storyteller for Wine.com | San Francisco, CA |



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