

Taste, Toast & Celebrate! October 12 * 2024

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Welcome New Chief Wine Judge Debra Del Fiorentino to Sonoma County's Esteemed Harvest Fair The prestigious wine competition and tasting receive a refresh at this year's Taste, Toast & Celebrate!

SANTA ROSA, CA – April 16, 2024 — The Sonoma County Harvest Fair is pleased to introduce Debra Del Fiorentino as its new Chief Wine Judge for its prestigious Professional Wine Competition this fall. Hat tip and much gratitude to Bob Fraser who preserved and consistently elevated the caliber of the Fair's wine competition for over 20 years. He is happy to pass the baton to Del Fiorentino who will now oversee what Fraser refers to as the "Grandaddy Rose Bowl" of all wine competitions.

For many in the wine world, Debra Del Fiorentino is a household name. The sommelier and founder/president of her own Wine Competition and Management Productions has been either running competitions or judging them for over 20 years.

"I really want to support the Sonoma County Harvest Fair," says the Petaluma resident who is dedicated to inviting only the most professional judges for the competition. "It's an honor to be entrusted with this role, and I'm committed to upholding the competition's sterling reputation."

Along with a new Chief Judge in place, the event will receive a refresh. Save the date for the one-night-only **Taste, Toast & Celebrate** on Saturday, October 12th, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Grace Pavilion at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds! Tickets go on sale May 11 for \$80 with parking included and will be available at <u>HarvestFair.org</u>.

Taste, Toast & Celebrate! will feature medal-winning wines from well-known beloved wineries along with exciting up-and-coming producers. Be among the first to learn which three wineries will take home top honors for the Sweepstakes Wines. Along with the rare opportunity to witness the unveiling of these winning wines, guests will also taste culinary creations provided by the winning submissions in the Professional Food Competition and select local restaurants.

As the Fair ushers in these exciting changes with Debra Del Fiorentino at the helm of the winning wine program—this year's **Taste**, **Toast & Celebrate!** is one event that is not to be missed!

About the Sonoma County Harvest Fair

The Sonoma County Harvest Fair highlights local agricultural, industrial and recreational growers, makers and crafters. From the Fair's inception in 1975, it has become a treasured event for Sonoma County and visitors from around the world. The Harvest Fair is considered one of the premier regional wine judging events in the country, and is an important showcase for Sonoma County's storied wineries, restaurants and farms.

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