

WINE**Commercial Wine****Division 0174**

Commercial Entry Fee - \$40.00 per entry/wine

I. Location

- A. Drop-off will be in the General Entry & Fine Arts Office located in the Palace of Agriculture.
- B. Judging will be located in the Colorado Building.

II. Schedule

- A. **Entry form and fee deadline Online or Mail ONLY** - Friday, April 19, 2024, by 4:00 p.m.
- B. **Drop-Off and Shipping** - Wine must be shipped to or dropped off at the General Entry office and be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 18, 2024.
- C. **Judging** - Sunday, April 28, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

II. Entry Requirements (these requirements are **in addition** to *2024 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements* as well as *General Entry/Fine Arts 2024 Competition & Entry Requirements*, and the *Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct*)

- A. The Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition Wine Competition is open to any wine produced anywhere in the world, as long as it is distributed in commercial quantity at the time of the competition.
- B. Wine vintners may enter more than one wine per class.
- C. An official entry shall consist of two bottles of wine for each class. Bottles should be no less than 750 milliliters (.75 liter).
- D. Any wine that is delivered to the competition without a full and proper label will be disqualified from the judging. Please do not send wines with laboratory, temporary, photocopies, or altered labels.
- E. Wine submitted to the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition Wine Competition becomes the property of the Colorado State Fair Authority.
- F. The competition, its service contractors and any officer, Colorado State Fair Authority staff members, sponsor or director of the same shall not be responsible for the safety of the wines from theft or damage by fire, accident, vandalism, or other causes.
- G. Any placement in or removal from a class will be at the discretion of the judging chairperson. If the judges are faced with an obviously-flawed bottle of wine, no more than one additional bottle of the same entry will be opened and tasted.

III. How to Enter

- A. Wine entry and registration can be submitted either online, or through the mail..
Winemakers are highly encouraged to enter online (forms and fees) and then ship or hand-deliver wine.
- B. Exhibitors must indicate on the entry form and wine label if wine should be chilled for judging.
- C. For entries not completed online, please include all non-refundable fees and entry forms when you mail entries. Fees may be paid by check, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover. Make checks payable to:Colorado State Fair Authority.
- D. When shipping wine entries, include a copy of your entry form in every box
- If sending more than one box, please mark boxes 1 of 3, 2 of 3, etc.
 - All wine bottles must have the *Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition Commercial Wine Label* affixed to the bottle with either tape or a rubber band.
 - When shipping alcohol, you must comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations that govern alcohol shipment, whether intrastate or interstate. The state of Colorado, the Authority, and the Board are not responsible for lost, stolen, mis-directed, or seized shipments of alcohol. Shipped wine must be received by Friday, April 19, 2024. Check with your shipping company for policies about shipping alcohol and ship to:

Colorado State Fair Authority
General Entry Commercial Wine Competition
1001 Beulah Ave
Pueblo, CO 81004
- E. Make checks payable to: Colorado State Fair Authority.
- F. Placing wines may be displayed for the duration of the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition. Results will be posted on the website (coloradostatefair.com).

If 75% or more of the ingredients in your wine are grown in Colorado or if your wine is a registered Colorado Proud wine, mark that box on your entry form and entry label affixed to your wine bottle entry to compete for the “Celebrating Colorado” Best of Show award.

Classes

Sparkling Wines

- 6100. Sparkling White
- 6102. Sparkling Rose
- 6103. Sparkling Red
- 6104. Sparkling Fruit

Blush and Rose

- 6200. White Zinfandel
- 6201. White Merlot
- 6202. All Other, Varietal
- 6203. Other Blends

White Wines

- 6300. Chenin Blanc
- 6301. Rieslings
- 6302. Gewurztraminer
- 6303. Semillon
- 6304. Muscat Varieties
- 6305. Sauvignon Blanc
- 6306. Pinot Gris/Grigio
- 6307. Viognier
- 6308. Chardonnay
- 6309. All Other, Varietal
- 6310. Other Blends

Red Wines

- 6400. Pinot Noir
- 6401. Sangiovese
- 6402. Barbera
- 6403. Shiraz/Syrah
- 6404. Carignane
- 6405. Zinfandel
- 6406. Merlot
- 6407. Cabernet Franc
- 6408. Cabernet Sauvignon
- 6409. Petite Sirah
- 6410. Gamay Noir
- 6411. All Other, Varietal
- 6412. Other Blends

Dessert (fortified, dry, or sweet)

- 6500. Port
- 6501. Fruit Wines

Mead Wines

- 6600. Traditional Mead (honey only)
- 6601. Fruit Mead, Melomel (honey and fruit)
- 6602. Spiced Mead, Metheglin (honey and spices)

Division and Class Awards

All wines will be evaluated on the American Wine Society scale of 0-20. Medals of Gold, Silver, and Bronze will be presented to all of the wines whose scores fall into the following points categories:

12 - 14 = Bronze Medal

15 - 17 = Silver Medal

18 - 20 = Gold Medal

Additional medals are awarded for:

Best of Show Sparkling Wine

Best of Show Blush and Rose

Best of Show White

Best of Show Red

Best of Show Dessert

Best of Show Mead

Best of Show 'Celebrating Colorado' Award

Best of Show Overall Award