

# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## Hobby Wine Competition and Entry Requirements

### Hobby Entry Fee

- \$12 per entry/wine

### Schedule

The drop-off will be at the General Entry & Fine Arts Office in the Palace of Agriculture. Judging will be located in the 4-H Dining Hall.

Event	Date and Time
Entry Form And Fee Deadline (Online or Mail Only)	Friday, April 17, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.
Drop-off	Wine must be shipped to or dropped off at the General Entry office and be received by 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2026.
Judging	Saturday, May 2, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
Judging Results	Judging results will be posted online on Monday, May 25, at 5:00 p.m. Results will not be given before this time/date.

### Entry Requirements

These requirements are in addition to the 2026 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, the General Entry and Fine Arts 2026 Competition and Entry Requirements, and the Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct.

- A. Open to anyone 21 or older who makes wine as a hobby.
- B. Total entries will be capped at 60.
- C. Each contestant may enter more than one entry per class. Ensure the entry form and bottle are consistent to ensure that each bottle is judged correctly.
- D. An entry must consist of one .75 liter (750ml) bottle of wine (corked or screw-capped) containing the wine to be judged.
  - a. Bottles must be labeled with Name, Class, Wine Type, and Wine Name (optional). All wine bottles must have the *Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition Hobby Wine Label* affixed to the bottle with either tape or a rubber band.
  - b. Exhibitors must indicate on the entry form and wine label if the wine should be *chilled* for judging.
- E. Shipping Wine
  - a. If shipping wine, consider including a second bottle in case of breakage.
  - b. The Authority must receive shipped wine by Friday, April 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
  - c. Ship wine to the Colorado State Fair Authority, General Entry c/o Hobby Wine, 1001 Beulah Avenue, Pueblo, CO, 81004.
  - d. No wine will be returned.
  - e. Include a copy of the entry form in every box shipped. If sending more than one box, please mark boxes 1 of 3, 2 of 3, etc.
  - f. When shipping alcohol, you must comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations that govern alcohol shipment, whether intrastate or interstate. Check with your shipping company for policies about shipping alcohol. The State of Colorado, the Authority, and the Board are not responsible for lost, stolen, misdirected, or seized alcohol shipments.
- F. Make checks payable to the Colorado State Fair Authority.
- G. Placing wines may be displayed during the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition. Results will be posted at [coloradostatefair.com](http://coloradostatefair.com).

H. If 75% or more of the ingredients in your wine are grown in Colorado, 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.

## **Hobby Wine Division 0173**

### **Classes 0001-0041**

#### **White**

- 0001 Pinot Gris/Grigio
- 0002 Sauvignon Blanc
- 0003 Chardonnay
- 0004 Riesling
- 0005 Muscat Varieties
- 0006 White Zinfandel
- 0007 Other White

#### **Red**

- 0020 Pinot Noir
- 0021 Merlot
- 0022 Italian Reds
- 0023 Cabernet Sauvignon
- 0024 Petite Sirah
- 0025 Shiraz/Syrah
- 0026 Red Blends
- 0027 Other Red

#### **Miscellaneous**

- 0030 Blush/Rose
- 0031 Sparkling Wine

- 0032 Blend (less than 75% of a single grape used, must be all grape, no other fruit used)
- 0033 Blended (mix of grapes, vegetables, flowers, etc.)
- 0034 Vegetable/Flower Wine
- 0035 Berry Wine (Strawberry, Blueberry, etc.)
- 0036 Fruit Wine (Apple, Plum, etc.)
- 0037 Herb Wine (specify herb)
- 0038 Aromatic Wine (specify aroma)
- 0039 Port, flavored
- 0040 Port, non-flavored
- 0041 Sherry
- 0042 Mead (specify type - Traditional, Melomel, Metheglen)

## **Labels**

(1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive a Colorado State Fair Authority ribbon.)

- 0045 Best Computer Label
- 0046 Best Handmade Label

## **Special Entry Requirements for Classes 0045 and 0046**

1. To compete in these classes, exhibitors must have entered one of the Wine Classes 1 - 41.
2. Labels must be made solely by the exhibitor.
3. Limit one label per class 1 - 41.
4. Labels must be mounted on a 5-inch x 7-inch mat board.
5. Labels must fit on the wine bottle.
6. Label must include
  - a. Name
  - b. Class
  - c. Wine Type
  - d. Wine Name (optional)

## **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 awarded 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 will be awarded for**

- Best of Show Red
- Best of Show White
- Best of Show Miscellaneous
- Best of Show Celebrating Colorado Wine
- Best of Show Overall Award