

5TH AMATEUR WINEMAKING COMPETITION

Sponsored by the Topsfield Fair

The Competition will be held at the Coolidge Building – Topsfield Fairgrounds.

Chairperson: Richard Adelman, Topsfield, MA

WINEMAKING COMPETITION

Scoring will be based on the wine evaluation chart shown below on a scale of 20 points:

Appearance	3
Aroma and Bouquet	6
Taste	6
Aftertaste	3
Overall	2

Minimum qualifications for place awards are as follows:

Best of Show	Minimum of 15 points
First Place	Minimum of 13 points
Second Place	Minimum of 10 points
Third Place	Minimum of 7 points
Honorable Mention	Minimum of 6 points

If in the judges' opinion a wine is not worthy of mention, no points will be awarded. Fewer than 4 awards may be made in each category.

The winemaker who garners Best of Show receives a blue ribbon, an engraved plaque and a \$100 gift certificate.

The judging room is not open to the public or the contestants. However, the ribbon winners of the amateur winemaking competition are to be announced in approximately 3 weeks.

AMATEUR WINE COMPETITION RULES

- ENTRY DEADLINE** is Wednesday, August 11, 2010. Wines are to be delivered to the Topsfield Fair Administration Building or Alfalfa Farm, 267 Rowley Bridge Road, Topsfield, MA 01983. Entry Forms are located on page 3.
- ENTRY FEE** is \$10.00 for each wine entered. **ONE BOTTLE** per entry is required. (Make checks payable to **Topsfield Fair**).
- Each wine maker is limited to a total of **EIGHT (8) ENTRIES** and no more than **THREE (3) ENTRIES** per class. Each entry must be of different ingredients or vintages.
- FOUR PLACES** in each class will be awarded ribbons. Each place may have more than one ribbon awarded if deemed worthy. When exhibits are not deemed worthy, the judges will not award ribbons. The "Best of Show" will be awarded an engraved plaque and will also receive a \$100 gift certificate.
- ONLY HOMEMADE WINE MAY BE ENTERED.** Amateur wines **SHALL NOT CONTAIN ANY COMMERCIAL WINE, FLAVORED BRANDIES OR LIQUEURS** unless it is generally accepted in the wine style. (Example: fortified port wine).
- The person entering the wine must be the winemaker.**
- Wine should be clear, not hazy & free of visible debris.
- Use **ONE** registration form for **EACH** bottle entered. Registration form can be reproduced. Wines may be disqualified if the registration form is incomplete or illegible.
- Attach only the official registration label to the bottle. **Use 2 pieces of transparent tape, attaching only at the sides of the label. DO NOT** use double stick (two sided) tape.
- We will handle the bottles with care but will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
- The winners will be announced at the conclusion of the

Competition and at the Topsfield Fair, October 1 - October 11, 2010. Please Note: Ribbons will be available for **pick up at the Topsfield Fairgrounds Administration Building** after the competition.

- Winners will receive Ribbons via USPS.
- All entrants must be over 21 years of age.**
- Entrants can email any questions to:**
alfalfafarm@comcast.net.

WINE CLASSIFICATIONS:

- | Class# | Class Name |
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| 1. | Red Grape – Dry or Semi-dry Vinifera <ol style="list-style-type: none">Cabernet SauvignonZinfandelMerlotOther red viniferas (and blends of Vinifera grapes i.e. Zinfandel & Alicante). |
| 2. | White Grape – Dry or Semi-dry Vinifera <ol style="list-style-type: none">ChardonnayOther white viniferas (including blends of white Vinifera grapes.) |
| 3. | Red or White Grape – Semi-sweet or Sweet Vinifera |
| 4. | French Hybrid Red Grape |
| 5. | French Hybrid White Grape |
| 6. | Red or White Grape Concentrate or Kit |
| 7. | Rose or Blush wines (May be a blend of red or white grapes). |
| 8. | Fruit (examples: Peach, Cherry, Plum and /or blends Apple, Pear, Rhubarb and/or blends). |
| 9. | Berry |
| 10. | Novelty/Specialty (Novelty such as flower, vegetable, or herb. Specialty such as Sherry, Madeira, Port or other high alcohol or special wine making method). |
| 11. | Red Grape Blends (Table Wine) |
| 12. | White Grape Blends (Table Wine) |



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WINE LABEL CONTEST

- Labels must reflect good taste and must be submitted permanently mounted on white poster board (or equal material), size 8 1/2" x 11", with entrant's full name and address printed on back of poster board.
- Wine labels can be hand drawn or computer generated and will be judged as separate classes.
- Only the front label should be submitted.
- Labels will be judged at the conclusion of the Wine Making Contest and will be displayed at the Topsfield Fair on October 1 to October 11, 2010.
- Ribbons and scoring sheets can be picked up at the Topsfield Fairgrounds Administration Building after the competition.

The Wine Label placements are as follows:

Best of Show
First Place
Second Place
Third Place
Honorable Mention

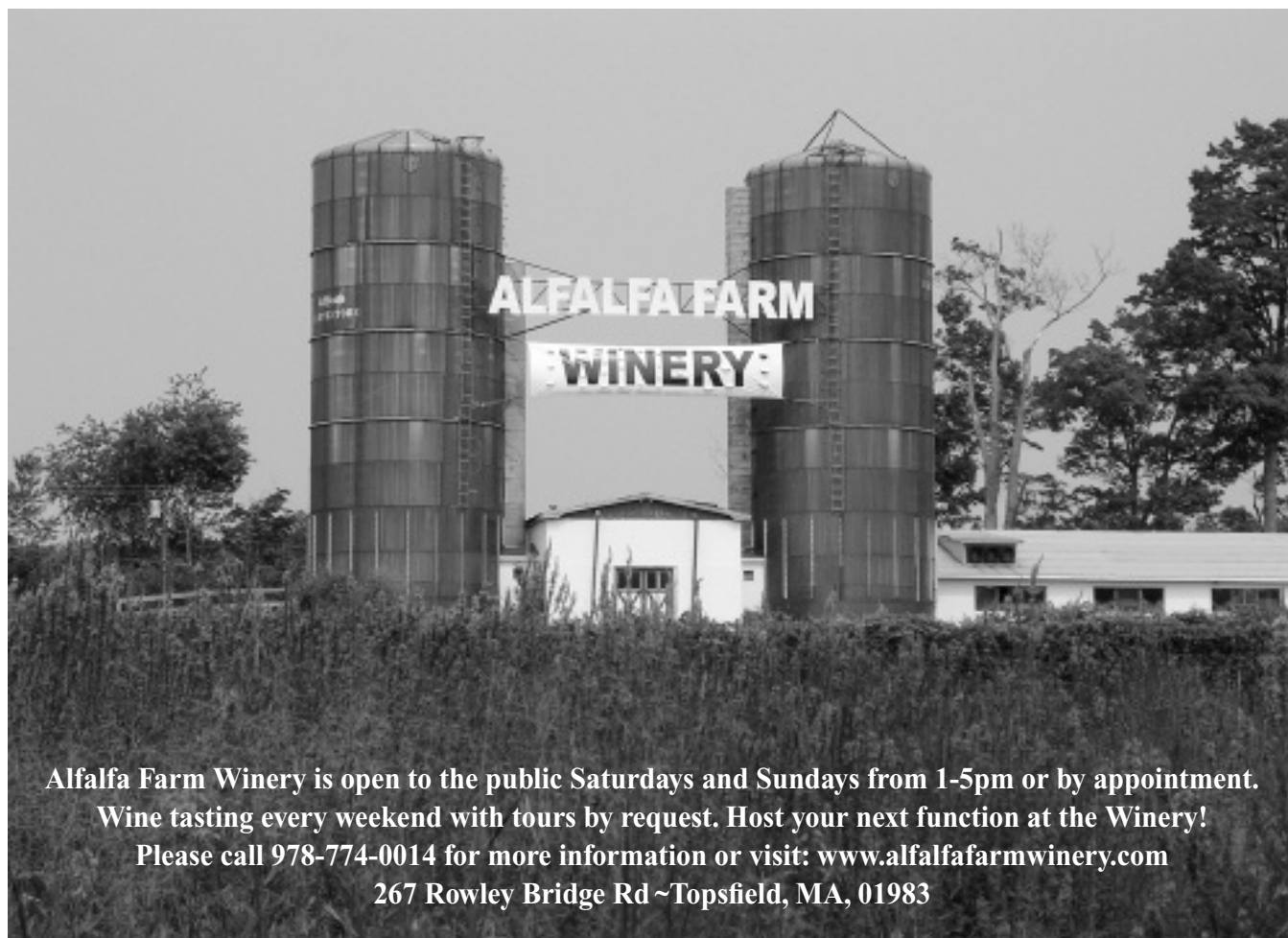
The wine label which garners Best of Show receives a blue ribbon, an engraved plaque, and a \$50 premium.

The judging room is not open to the public nor to the contestants.

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1. ENTRY DEADLINE is August 11, 2010. Labels are to be delivered to the Topsfield Fair Administration Building or to Alfalfa Farm, 267 Rowley Bridge Road, Topsfield, MA 01983. Entry Forms are on page 3.
2. The person entering the label must be the artist.
3. Wine label judges will handle the labels with care, but they will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
4. The winners will be announced at the conclusion of the Competition and at Topsfield Fair, October 1 to October 11, 2010.

Please note: Ribbons will be available at the Topsfield Fairgrounds Administration Building after the competition. All ribbons not picked up will be shipped.



Alfalfa Farm Winery is open to the public Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5pm or by appointment.

Wine tasting every weekend with tours by request. Host your next function at the Winery!

Please call 978-774-0014 for more information or visit: www.alfalfafarmwinery.com

267 Rowley Bridge Rd ~Topsfield, MA, 01983

AMATEUR WINEMAKING COMPETITION 2010 ENTRY FORM

For official use

Phone # (include area code) _____

Name of Winemaker _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Class # _____ Class Name _____

Dry _____ Semi-Dry _____ Semi-Sweet _____ Sweet _____

Name of Grape(s) or Fruit(s): _____
(Give percentages) *DO NOT* list additives

Year wine was made _____ Entry No. _____
For official use

AMATEUR WINE LABEL CONTEST 2010 ENTRY FORM

Please Print:

Artist Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Title of Artwork: _____

Type of Medium (Computer generated / Hand drawn): _____

Artist's Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Agreeing to competition requirements.)