

6TH 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 will be announced approximately 3 weeks after judging.

AMATEUR WINE COMPETITION RULES

- ENTRY DEADLINE** is Wednesday, August 10, 2011. 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. **TWO BOTTLES** per entry is required. One bottle of wine will be for display during the fair. (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, September 30 - October 10, 2011. 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

- Red Grape – Dry or Semi-dry Vinifera
 - Cabernet Sauvignon
 - Zinfandel
 - Merlot
 - Other red viniferas (and blends of Vinifera grapes i.e. Zinfandel & Alicante).
- White Grape – Dry or Semi-dry Vinifera
 - Chardonnay
 - Other white viniferas (including blends of white Vinifera grapes.)
- Red or White Grape – Semi-sweet or Sweet Vinifera
- French Hybrid Red Grape
- French Hybrid White Grape
- Red or White Grape Concentrate or Kit
- Rose or Blush wines (May be a blend of red or white grapes).
- Fruit (examples: Peach, Cherry, Plum and /or blends Apple, Pear, Rhubarb and/or blends).
- Berry
- Novelty/Specialty (Novelty such as flower, vegetable, or herb. Specialty such as Sherry, Madeira, Port or other high alcohol or special wine making method).
- Red Grape Blends (Table Wine)
- White Grape Blends (Table Wine)



6TH AMATEUR WINE LABEL CONTEST

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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 September 30 to October 10, 2011.
- 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

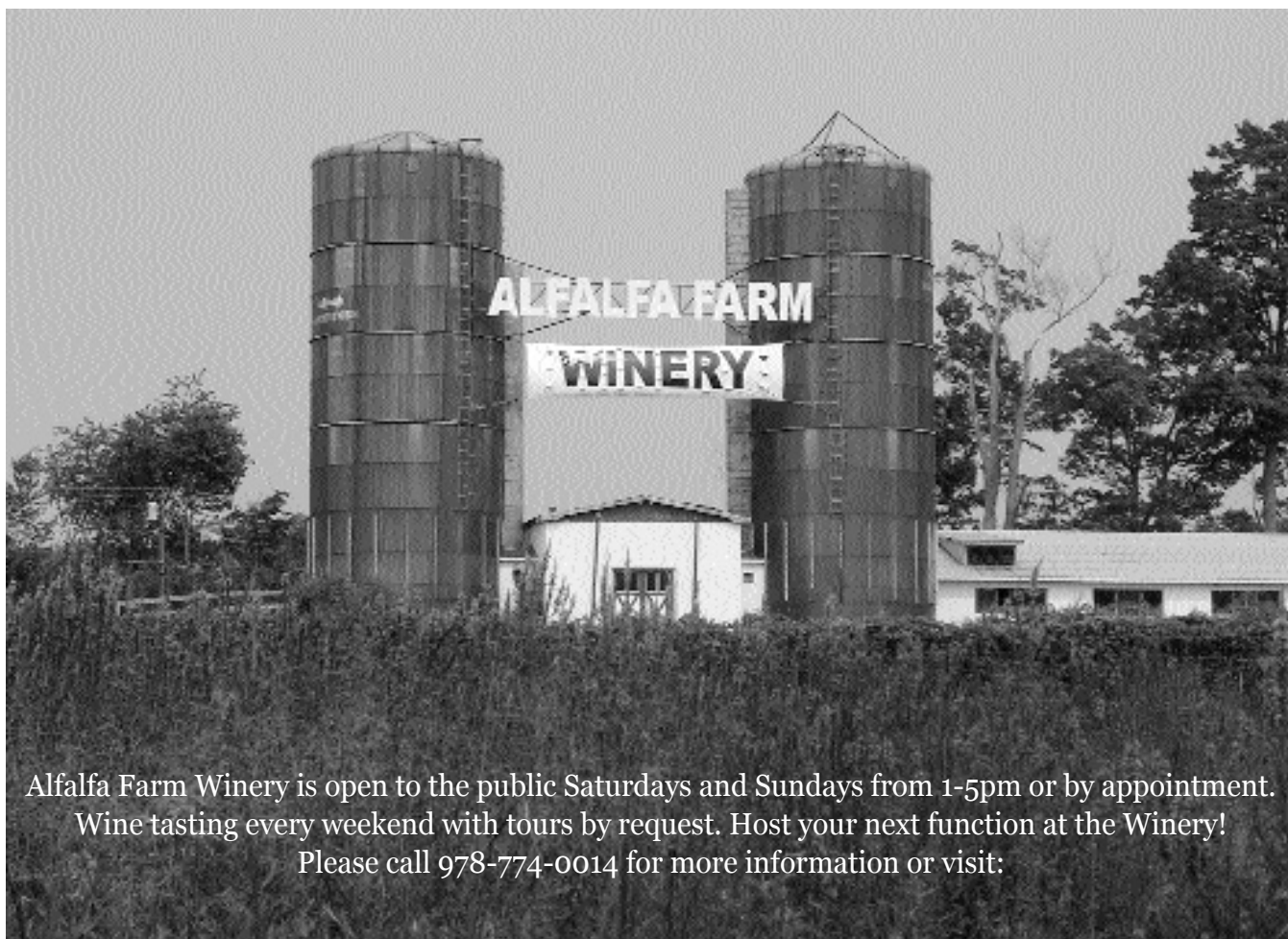
The wine label which garners Best of Show receives a blue ribbon, an engraved plaque and a \$50 premium.

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

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1. ENTRY DEADLINE is August 10, 2011. 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, September 30 to October 10, 2011.

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:

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2011 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

2011 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.)



Everyone is invited to Come See Us on Opening Day- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH. All exhibits will need to be in place on Thursday, September 29th, EXCEPT POULTRY. Please refer all questions regarding this change to the Department Chairperson or the Fair's Administration Office.

GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

**** Topsfield Fair and Essex Agricultural Society are not responsible for changes to or omissions from any contest rules, regulations, and/or guidelines.**

Exhibitors must adhere to all rules as they apply to individual departments as well as the following regulations:

1. The Essex Agricultural Society is a member of the Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association. The rules and regulations of this organization will apply where applicable.
2. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on fairgrounds.
3. No smoking allowed in buildings.
4. No exhibit shall be removed before the close of the fair, without the express consent of the department head and fair management. Please refer to individual department for specific pickup times.
5. Departments designated 4-H and youth are restricted to boys and girls 9 through 19 years of age as of January 1, 2011, unless otherwise stated in department rules.
6. All reasonable precautions will be taken by the Society for the safe keeping of animals and articles entrusted to its care, but all exhibits are received upon express condition that THE SOCIETY SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE that may occur to animals or articles on exhibit for any reason. Exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants agree to be solely responsible for any loss, injury to, damage done, occasioned by or arising from any exhibit, equipment, animal or person and to defend and indemnify the Society and the management thereof against all claims and liability in regard thereto. In view of this understanding, exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants may deem it advisable to obtain appropriate liability insurance.
7. No person will be awarded premium checks with providing the Fair office with his/her social security number.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES & INFORMATION

1. All animals must be checked by the State Veterinarian and/or the department head or his designee, upon arrival at the fairgrounds.
2. Please review and comply with all health regulations as they pertain to individual departments. Massachusetts Department of Agriculture rules regarding animal health must be adhered to.
3. All out-of-state livestock must be accompanied by a current Certificate of Health.
4. EXHIBITOR PARKING WILL BE EXTREMELY LIMITED. PLEASE CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT HEAD IF PARKING PROBLEMS ARISE.