

# DEPARTMENT 7 WINEMAKING EXHIBIT

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Chairperson:** Richard Adelman

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: Sunday, September 15, 2019

Entry Receiving: Sunday, September 15, 2019

Entry Pick Up: N/A

Entry Fee: \$10.00 (Amateur Wine Competition)

## DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

### Winemaking Competition General Info

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.**

## Amateur Wine Competition Rules

1. **ENTRY DEADLINE** is Sunday, September 15, 2019. Wines are to be delivered to the Topsfield Fair Administration Building.
2. **ENTRY FEE** is \$10.00 for each wine entered. **TWO BOTTLES** per entry are required. One bottle of wine will be for display during the fair. (Make checks payable to **Topsfield Fair**).
3. Each winemaker 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**.
4. **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.
5. **ONLY HOMEMADE WINE MAY BE ENTERED.** Amateur wines **SHALL NOT CONTAIN ANY COMMERCIAL WINE, FLAVORED BRANDIES, OR LIQUERS** unless it is generally accepted in the wine style. (Example: Fortified Port Wine).
6. **The person entering the wine must be the winemaker.**
7. Wine should be clear, not hazy & free of visible debris.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. We will handle the bottles with care but will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
11. The winners will be announced at the Topsfield Fair, October 4th-14th, 2019.
12. Winners will receive Ribbons via USPS, after the Fair.
13. Ribbons & Scoring Sheets can be picked up at the Topsfield Fairgrounds Administration Building after Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
14. **All entrants must be over 21 years of age.**
15. **Entrants can email any questions to: alfalfafarm@comcast.net**

## Wine Classifications

### CLASS A

1. Red Grape- Dry or Semi-dry Vinifera
  - a. Cabernet Sauvignon
  - b. Zinfandel
  - c. Merlot
  - d. Other red viniferas (and blends of Vinifera grapes i.e. Zinfandel & Alicante)
2. White Grape- Dry or Semi-dry Vinifera
  - a. Chardonnay
  - b. Other 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)

## 11<sup>th</sup> Amateur Wine Label Contest

The Competition will be held at the Coolidge Hall Building.

- Labels must reflect good taste and must be submitted permanently mounted on white poster board (or equal material), size 8 ½" x 11", with entrant's full name and address printed on back of poster board.
- Only the front label should be submitted.
- Labels will be judged at the conclusion of the Winemaking Contest and will be displayed at the Topsfield Fair on October 4<sup>th</sup>-October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- 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 or the contestants.**

### Amateur Wine Label Competition Rules

1. ENTRY DEADLINE is September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Labels are to be delivered to the Topsfield Fair Administration Building.
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 Topsfield Fair, during the fair.
5. Ribbons & Scoring Sheets can be picked up at the Topsfield Fairgrounds Administration Building after Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Enter Wine Label Competition

### CLASS B

1. Enter Wine LABEL

# WINEMAKING COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

*For official use*

Name of Winemaker \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (Include Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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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. \_\_\_\_\_

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# WINE LABEL COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

**Please print:**

Artist Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Artwork \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Medium (Computer generated / Hand draw) \_\_\_\_\_

Artist's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Agreeing to competition requirements)