

DEPARTMENT 7

WINEMAKING EXHIBIT

GENERAL INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: Sunday, September 12th, 2021

Entry Receiving: Sunday, September 12th, 2021

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 12th, 2021. Wines are to be delivered to the Topsfield Fair Administration Building (207 Boston Street, Topsfield).
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 1st-11th, 2021.
12. Winners will receive Ribbons via USPS, after the Fair.
13. Ribbons & Scoring Sheets will be mailed out to entrants after Wednesday, October 13th, 2021.
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)

12th 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 1st-October 11th, 2021.
- 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 12th, 2021. 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 will be mailed out to entrants after Wednesday, October 13th, 2021.

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 _____

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

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)