

# DEPARTMENT 2114

## WINEMAKING EXHIBIT

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Entry Receiving: Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Entry Pick Up: N/A

Entry Fee: \$10.00 (Amateur Wine Competition),  
*(online only) \$3.00 per exhibitor*

### DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

#### AMATEUR WINE LABEL COMPETITION

The Wine Label Competition will be displayed 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 Competition and will be displayed at the Topsfield Fair on October 3<sup>rd</sup> - October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- Ribbons & Scoring Sheets will be mailed out to entrants after Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The Wine Label Competition 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.**

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **ENTRY DEADLINE** is Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Wine labels are to be delivered to the Topsfield

Fair Administration Building (207 Boston Street, Topsfield).

2. The person entering the label must be the artist.
3. Wine label judges will handle the labels with care, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
4. The winners will be announced at the Topsfield Fair, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
5. Ribbons & Scoring Sheets will be mailed out to entrants after Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

#### WINE LABEL COMPETITION

##### **CLASS B**

##### **LOT**

1. Wine Label

#### 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 premium.

**The judging room is not open to the public or the contestants.**

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **ENTRY DEADLINE** is Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 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. Bottles will not be returned. (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 premium.
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** entry form for **EACH** bottle entered. Entry form can be reproduced. Wines may be disqualified if the entry form is incomplete or illegible.
9. Attach only the official entry form 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. Wine judges 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 3<sup>rd</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
12. Ribbons & Scoring Sheets will be mailed out to entrants after Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
13. **All entrants must be over 21 years of age.**
14. **Entrants can email any questions to:**  
trudi.alfalfafarmwinery@gmail.com
15. Bottles will not be returned to entrants.

## WINE CLASSIFICATIONS

### RED GRAPE – DRY OR SEMI-DRY VINIFERA

#### CLASS C

1. Cabernet Sauvignon
2. Zinfandel
3. Merlot
4. Other Red Viniferas (and blends of Vinifera grapes i.e. Zinfandel & Alicante)

### WHITE GRAPE- DRY OR SEMI-DRY VINIFERA

#### CLASS D

1. Chardonnay

2. Other White Viniferas (including blends of white Vinifera grapes)

#### CLASS E

1. Red or White Grape- Semi-Sweet or Sweet Vinifera

#### CLASS F

1. French Hybrid Red Grape

#### CLASS G

1. French Hybrid White Grape

#### CLASS H

1. Red or White Grape Concentrate or Kit

#### CLASS I

1. Rose or Blush Wines (May be a blend of red or white grapes)

#### CLASS J

1. Fruit (examples: Peach, Cherry, Plum and/or blends Apple, Pear, Rhubarb and/or blends)

#### CLASS K

1. Berry

#### CLASS L

1. Novelty/Specialty (Novelty such as flower, vegetable, or herb). Specialty such as Sherry, Madeira, Port or other high alcohol or special wine making method)

#### CLASS M

1. Red Grape Blends (Table Wine)

#### CLASS N

1. White Grape Blends (Table Wine)

## OFFICIAL RULES

Topsfield Fair General Rules & Information