



# 27TH ANNUAL WINE COMPETITION

## 2020 COMPETITION RULES

1. In entering the competition, a winery agrees to send **three bottles of wine per entry** (half bottles are acceptable).
2. To qualify for entry in the 2020 State Fair of Virginia Wine Competition, a wine must be produced and bottled by a winery located within Virginia. Grapes must be grown in Virginia.
3. A wine's category will be determined by its application and label.
4. All medals will be awarded by the judges, whose decisions are final.
5. The Senior Judge(s) retains the right to create or delete categories if the number of entries so warrants.
6. The same wine may not be entered in more than one category.
7. All wine entered must be commercially available to the public.
8. All entries must be received by **June 1, 2020**.
9. All wines are judged double blind on the 100 point scale. All wines are judged in a single competition.
10. All wine entries become the property of the State Fair of Virginia.
11. All wines will automatically be entered in the State Fair of Virginia Label Competition.
12. All medal winners will be notified the week of June 22, 2020.



## AWARDS

Gold and silver medals will be awarded in all categories at the judges' discretion. Winning wines will be **on display during the State Fair of Virginia, September 25 through October 4, 2020 at The Meadow Event Park.**

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The goal of the State Fair of Virginia in conducting its 27th annual wine competition is to promote and showcase the Virginia wine industry, a vibrant and important element of agriculture in the state. All proceeds from the competition will benefit the State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program. Since 2013, the State Fair has awarded 1484 scholarships and has dedicated over \$557,000 to youth education.

**All entrants will receive  
two complimentary one  
day tickets to the State  
Fair of Virginia.**



## 2020 CATEGORIES

All varietals and blends are accepted. Please choose the best category below when entering.  
If you have any questions please contact Stuart Sanders, [ssanders@statefairva.org](mailto:ssanders@statefairva.org).

Albarino	Sangiovese
Cabernet Franc	Sauvignon Blanc
Cabernet Sauvignon	Seyval Blanc
Chambourcin	Tannat
Chardonnay – Oak	Vidal Blanc
Chardonnay – Non-Oak	Viognier
Gewurztraminer	Blended Reds
Riesling	Blended Whites
Merlot	Other Red Varietals
Nebbiolo	Other White Varietals
Norton	Sparkling Wines
Pinot Gris/Grigio	Fruit
Petit Mansung	Dessert
Pinot Noir	Hard Cider
Petit Verdot	Mead
Rose Varietals	

- (1) The Senior Judges retain the right to create or delete categories if the number of entries so warrants.
- (2) Residual sugar percentages are guidelines only. The Senior Judges retain the right to place wines in appropriate subcategories.
- (3) Each entry must specify varietal percentages. We accept any and all varietals.
- (4) Please note that even though only the last three vintages are listed, we accept all vintages. Please call with any questions.

## ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

- Enter on-line or mail or email ([ssanders@statefairva.org](mailto:ssanders@statefairva.org)) the entry form.
- All entries include submitting **three bottles** of wine (half bottles acceptable).
- Precisely state the varietal composition percentages, alcohol content and residual sugar.
- Enter the category to which the wine entry belongs. Categories and codes are listed on the previous page. Use the correct code to insure a valid entry. The Senior Judges reserve the right to change the category of wines entered incorrectly.
- Entry Deadline: **June 1, 2020**

## DELIVERY OPTIONS

- Hand deliver to you local Virginia Farm Bureau County Office by **June 1, 2020**
- Ship or hand deliver to State Fair of Virginia Office, Attn. Stuart Sanders, 13191 Dawn Blvd, Doswell, VA 23047



## ENTRY FEE

- FIRST ENTRY FREE
- 2-4 wines entered: \$50 per entry
- 5 or more wines entered: \$40 per entry. Please make checks payable to State Fair of Virginia and include with wine entries.
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