

OC FAIR
HOME WINE
COMPETITION

ONE OF THE LARGEST HOMEWINE COMPETITIONS IN CALIFORNIA

**CALL FOR
ENTRIES**

**DEADLINE:
MAY 21, 2018**



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The OC Fair and the Orange County Wine Society, Inc. (OCWS), are proud to co-sponsor the 42nd Annual Home Wine Competition on June 9, 2018. We are excited to invite you to be part of our prestigious event.

The OC Fair Home Wine Competition has grown and prospered to become **one of the largest and most comprehensive judging of California home wines in the state.** Wines from amateur winemakers in California are judged including still, fortified, sparkling, dessert, and other fruit or "country" wines.

In 2017, 98 judges evaluated 39 varietals and styles of wine. 596 different wines were judged and more than 573 awards were given to home winemakers throughout California.

WHY SHOULD I COMPETE?

Benefits include:

- Only \$15 per bottle
- Only one bottle per entry required
- Competition is double blind
- UC Davis' 20 Point Judging sheets are used to assure quality
- Judges' Scoresheets will be mailed to you **with their comments**
- Bragging rights with your fellow Home Winemakers!

This is a **great opportunity** for all Home Winemakers to get **objective comments** about your wines.

JUDGING

Judging will take place **June 9, 2018** and will be performed by panels of experienced wine connoisseurs. Judging is conducted "double-blind." Neither the judges nor those pouring the wines know the identity of the wine being evaluated.



AWARDS

Home Winemakers will be notified June 16, 2018 and winners will receive the appropriate Bronze, Silver, Gold, Double Gold, or Best of Show award, which makes a fine addition to any wine cellar.

Best of Show, Double Gold, Gold and Silver award-winning wines will be displayed in the Wine Courtyard during the OC Fair, which runs from July 13 - August 12, 2018.

REQUIREMENTS / RULES

Entries must be made by amateur winemakers in California. Wines may be made from fresh or frozen grapes, wine kits, or other fruits.

Wines must be **received by May 26, 2018.**

Please submit **one 750ml bottle** of each wine entered, or **two 375ml bottles** for dessert wines.

Wines must be entered on-line at www.HomeWineCompetition.com where **full instructions and shipping information** can also be found.

WINE LABEL COMPETITION

For an additional \$4.00, all winemakers who enter the Home Wine Competition may submit their labels to our Wine Label Competition. This allows the OCWS volunteers and wine competition judges to give recognition and opinions on the effectiveness of your labels. Judges will be looking for information including varietal or blend name, vintage, and appellation as applicable. This may be submitted on a back label if desired.

A Gold, Silver, and Bronze award is given in each of 11 categories. The label receiving the most votes OVERALL is named **BEST OF SHOW**. The award winning labels are displayed by the OCWS in The Wine Courtyard during the OC Fair. Please provide 1 copy of each label you wish to submit with your bottles when shipped. Keep in mind that actual labels submitted always compete better than photo copies.

DEADLINES

Online Entries must first be submitted by **May 21st.**
All wines must be **received by May 26th.**

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DID YOU KNOW??

The OCWS is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that educates and promotes the knowledge and appreciation of wine. One of its main goals is to provide scholarships for college students in the fields of enology, viticulture, and culinary arts. Our scholarship program has **awarded over \$633,000 to students at 7 California colleges.**

Scholarship Funds come from OCWS events, membership dues, OC Fair Wine Courtyard sales, and recyclables (bottles, etc.).



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