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The OC Fair and the Orange County Wine Society, Inc. (OCWS), are proud to cosponsor the **44th Annual Home Wine Competition** on June 13, 2020. We are excited to invite you to be part of this 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 2019, 93 judges evaluated 42 varietals and styles of wine.

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 score 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 13, 2020** 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.







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AWARDS

Home Winemakers will be notified quickly after the competition 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 17 - August 16, 2020.

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 28, 2020**.

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

Wines must be entered online 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 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.

DEADLINE

Online Entries must be submitted first, and ALL wines must be received by May 28, 2020



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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 goals is to provide scholarships for college students in the fields of enology and viticulture. Our scholarship program has awarded over \$706,000 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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