

OC FAIR
HOME WINE
COMPETITION
CALL FOR ENTRIES

DELIVERIES ACCEPTED

March 1 - May 23, 2025

presented by



Judging on June 7, 2025

ONE OF THE LARGEST HOME WINE COMPETITIONS IN CALIFORNIA

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Home Wine Competition.com

The OC Fair and the Orange County Wine Society, Inc. (OCWS), are proud to co-sponsor the 49th Annual Home Wine Competition on June 7, 2025. 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 red, white, rosé, mead, fortified, sparkling, dessert, and other fruit or “country” wines.

In 2024, 73 judges evaluated 39 unique varietals and 71 red blends and 3 white blends. In total, 568 different wines were entered and 462 awards were given to home winemakers throughout California.

WHY SHOULD I COMPETE?

Benefits include:

- Only \$22 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 7, 2025** and will be performed by panels of experienced winemakers and 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 June 16, 2025 and winners will receive the appropriate Best of Show, Double Gold, Gold, Silver, or Bronze award, which makes a fine addition to any wine cellar.

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 Friday, May 23, 2025**.

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

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

WINE LABEL COMPETITION

For an additional \$5, 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 visual appeal, 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 one copy of each label you wish to submit with your bottles when shipped. Note that actual labels submitted always compete better than photo copies.

DEADLINE

Online Entries must be submitted and **ALL** wines must be received by **May 23, 2025**.



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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 \$940,000 to students at 8 California educational institutions.**

Scholarship Funds come from OCWS events, membership dues, donations, and OC Fair Wine Courtyard sales.



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