

Wine Competition

Commercial Wine, Home Wine, Label Design

The Wine Show consists of the Commercial Wine Competition, the Home Wine Competition and The Courtyard and Wine Display during the OC Fair. All of these events are organized, staged and staffed by volunteer members of the Orange County Wine Society Inc., a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote the knowledge and understanding of wine, including winemaking and viticulture.

Contact

David Hirstein, Chair

The Orange County Wine Society is the co-sponsor of the competition, and is responsible for obtaining and classifying the wines, and for staging and conducting the actual competition.

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Commercial Wine Competition

June 4 and 5, 2011
The Hilton Orange County
Costa Mesa, CA

Entry Deadline - Commercial Wine entry form due May 1.

Delivery - No later than May 8, 2011

New: Wine deliveries are accepted between April 1 - May 7, 2011.
Ship to: OC Fair Wine Competition, 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Home Wine Competition

All Home Wine, labels and entry forms must be received no later than Saturday, May 21. See Home Wine Guidelines for complete instructions and delivery locations.

Awards

Award-winning commercial wines will be displayed at the OC Fair and will be available for tasting (fee applies).

Listed in the annual Award Book produced
by the Wine Society:

Gold Ribbon
Silver Ribbon
Bronze Ribbon

Receive personalized engraved trophy:

Best of Class, Red
Best of Class, White
Best of Class, Sparkling
Best of Class, Dessert

Wine Competition

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Leslie Brown, President
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Orange County Wine Society, Inc.

Founded in 1976 by Brant Horton, an Orange County wine retailer, the Society rapidly grew with the Competition itself to where it is probably the largest local, independent, non-affiliated organization of its type in the country. As a non-profit corporation, the Society's purpose is to promote the knowledge of winemaking, viticulture and the appreciation of wine. In addition to co-sponsoring the Commercial Wine Competition of the OC Fair, the Society conducts the OC Fair's Home Wine Competition. Throughout the year it is active in programs and projects that contribute to the education and knowledge of wine, including the granting of scholarships to deserving students in enology and viticulture.

Membership is open to adults who are interested in learning more about wine, winemaking and viticulture. The Society has one or two meetings per month and welcomes inquiries from interested potential members at any time.

The Society is an educational, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization; therefore, contributions are fully tax deductible. Contributions may be earmarked for any number of beneficial purposes or activities.

Wine Steering Committee

Dennis Esslinger, Chair
Leslie Brown
David Hirstein
Chuck Hanson
Marion Poli
Rita Schrank

This group serves at the pleasure of the OC Fair & Event Center Board of Directors to oversee the Commercial Wine Competition. The committee approves the categories of wines to be judged and makes the final selection of award winners based on the judges' scores. The committee is composed of persons from various professions and considered by their peers as wine knowledgeable.

Wine Competition

Commercial Wine - Guidelines

Judging and Awards

All judging will be performed by wine professionals including vintners, winemakers or winery principals, all of who travel to Orange County for the Competition. Judging is conducted "double-blind" wherein the judging panel and stewards will have no knowledge of who produced the individual wines being judged. Scoring will be on the recognized 100-point system.

Each wine will be judged in appropriate price classifications: low, medium, high, or premium, for the purpose of consumer-comparison benefit. Each classification will be judged separately on the basis of entries in that classification alone, without reference to other wines in the same general category but in separate price classifications. There is further separation by residual sugar content so that dry and sweet wines are judged within their own category.

The judging will take place under rigidly controlled conditions on June 4 and 5, 2011, based upon guidelines of the OC Fair Wine Steering Committee.

Award-winning commercial wines will be displayed at the OC Fair and will be available for tasting (for a fee).

Award-winning wines will receive gold, silver or bronze ribbons and are listed in the annual Award Book produced by the Wine Society.

A "Best of Class" will be conducted in each price category for Red, White, Sparkling and Dessert wines. Each winner will receive a personalized engraved trophy.

Chairman's Awards are presented to medal-winning wines that have scored significantly higher than other gold medalists in the same class and price range. These wines are featured in the Award Book available for purchase at The Courtyard during the OC Fair.

Wines receiving gold medal recommendations from four or more judges will receive special recognition. Each winner will receive a personalized plaque.

Booklets of the award-winning wines will be available for purchase at the OC Fair.

Every attempt is made to judge all commercial California wines that will be readily available at retail stores, restaurants or through mail-order delivery in Orange County as of July 1, 2011.

Wine Display and The Courtyard

The purpose of The Courtyard during the OC Fair is to promote the knowledge and appreciation of California wines and winemaking. Provide an opportunity to taste and discuss current award-winning wines. Award-winning wines from the Commercial Competition are displayed in The Courtyard. Tastes of these wines are sold in The Courtyard.

The Courtyard will sell non-award-winning wines by the glass in addition to tastes of the award winners. The Courtyard and Wine Display are staffed by volunteers from the Orange County Wine Society who are happy to discuss the wines served, wine making or wine appreciation in general. Educational wine seminars are presented each Saturday and Sunday of the OC Fair. Funds raised at The Courtyard are used to offset the cost of the Commercial and Home Wine Competitions and support the Orange County Wine Society's scholarship program.

A display of the Home Wine Competition winners is also located in The Courtyard along with exhibits of Orange County Wine Society events.

Wine Competition

Commercial Wine

Division 600 – Commercial Wine

Class

White

- 01 Chardonnay
- 02 Chenin Blanc
- 03 French Colombard
- 04 Gewurtztraminer
- 05 Meritage-type White
- 06 Muscat
- 07 Pinot Blanc
- 08 Pinot Grigio/Pinot Gris
- 09 Sauvignon (Fume) Blanc
- 10 Semillon (Chevrier)
- 11 Viognier
- 12 White Riesling
- 13 Any other white varietal

Fortified

- 14 Sherry
- 15 Port
- 16 Any other fortified wine grape

Red

- 17 Barbera
- 18 Cabernet Franc
- 19 Carignane
- 20 Cabernet Sauvignon
- 21 Valdiguie
- 22 Gamay Beaujolais
- 23 Italian Style Blends
- 24 Meritage Type Red
- 25 Merlot
- 26 Mouvedre (Mataro)

Red cont.

- 27 Nebbiolo
- 28 Petite Sirah
- 29 Pinot Noir
- 30 Rhone-type Red
- 31 Rhone-type Red (California Style)
- 32 Sangiovese
- 33 Syrah (Shiraz)
- 34 Zinfandel
- 35 Any other red varietal

Sparkling

- 36 Sparkling Blanc de Blancs
- 37 Sparkling Blanc de Noirs
- 38 Sparkling Rose
- 39 Sparkling Wine
- 40 Sparkling Rouge

Blanc

- 41 Rhone-type Rose/Blanc
- 42 White Zinfandel
- 43 Any other white wine made from red grapes

Proprietary Wines

- 44 Blanc Wines
- 45 Red Wines
- 46 Rose Wines
- 47 White Wines

Wine Competition

Commercial Label & Bottle Design

Commercial Label And Bottle Design Competition

The 16th annual Commercial Label and Bottle Design Competition will take place this year in conjunction with the Commercial Wine Competition. The intent is to give recognition to the outstanding labels and bottles designed for wines that have been entered.

Guidelines

- Labels and bottles from all entries to the Commercial Wine Competition will automatically be entered in the Label and Bottle Design Competition.
- Preliminary selection of labels will be made by a committee of Orange County Wine Society members having backgrounds in art and design.
- Labels will be chosen on the basis of eye appeal, easy recognition, and promotional value. Each of the chosen labels will be placed in a category based on its design, regardless of type of wine.
- A 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards will then be chosen in each category by a vote of the wine judges and members of the Orange County Wine Society participating in the Commercial Wine Competition. The Best of Show is then determined by popular vote of those in attendance.
- Additionally, a bottle design competition will be held in each of four categories (red, white, desert, and sparkling) and an award will be presented to the winning bottle in each category.
- Award-winning labels and bottle designs will be displayed at the OC Fair.
- Award-winning labels and bottle designs will receive ribbons. Best of Show will receive a plaque.

Division 601 - Commercial Label

Class

- 01 Best Use of Color
- 02 Birds
- 03 Botanical
- 04 Calligraphy & Typography
- 05 Crest and Emblems
- 06 Die Cuts
- 07 Elegant Design
- 08 Figurative
- 09 Foil & Embossing
- 10 Grapes and Leaves
- 11 Modern/Abstract Art
- 12 Name Representation
- 13 Scenic
- 14 Whimsical
- 15 Wildlife
- 16 Thematic Series

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Home Wine Competition

Home Wine Competition

Kevin Donnelly & Jim Graver, Co-Chairs
Judging - Saturday, June 11, 2011, 9 am
OC Fair & Event Center

To promote the knowledge and understanding of winemaking, viticulture and the appreciation of wine by encouraging amateur winemakers to enter their wines for critical evaluation and to recognize outstanding efforts through the award of ribbons.

Entry form and complete rules can be obtained online at www.ocws.org, or:

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Guidelines

- All wines, labels and entry forms must be received no later than Saturday, May 21.
- Submit one 750 ml or two 375 ml bottles per entry. Any wine remaining after the event will be destroyed.
- Entry fee is \$10.00 per entry.
- Competition is open to any home winemaker residing in California.
- Wines are to be made from grapes grown in California.
- The Orange County Wine Society conducts the Home Wine Competition for the OC Fair.
- Judges will be selected by the Orange County Wine Society for their knowledge of wines, winemaking and wine judging experience.
- Categories will be determined by the Orange County Wine Society. Whenever three or more wines in the same category are of the same variety, they will be judged as a separate group.
- Judging will take place at the OC Fair & Event Center, and is not open to the public.
- The Home Winemakers Brunch will be held Saturday, July 30, 2011, during the OC Fair. Winemakers will have an opportunity to meet other winemakers and taste many of the award-winning wines.

- Award-winning wines will be on display during the OC Fair in The Courtyard.
- Gold, Double Gold, Silver, Bronze and Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded along with "Best of Show" plaques in the White, Red, Fruit and Dessert wine categories. All award ribbons, certificates and judges' critique sheets will be mailed to each Wine-maker after the competition.

Entries must be brought or sent to:

Original Home Brew Outlet 5528 Auburn Blvd #1 Sacramento, CA 95841 (916) 348-6322	The Beverage People 840 Piner Rd #14 Santa Rosa, CA 94501 (707) 544-2520
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Doc's Cellar 855 Capitolio Way # 2 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 (805) 781-9974	More Wine 91 N San Antonio Rd Los Altos, CA 94032 (650) 949-2739
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Napa Fermentations 575 3 rd St Napa, CA 94559 (707) 255-6372	Oak Barrel Winecraft 1443 San Pablo Ave Berkeley, CA 94702 (510) 849-0400
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Homewine Beer/Cheese Shop 22846 Ventura Blvd Woodland Hills, CA 91367 (818) 224-3656	Valley Vintner 6040 Dougherty Rd Dublin, CA 94568 (866) 812-9463
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O'Shea Brewing Co 28142 Camino Capistrano Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 (949) 364-4440	Stein Fillers 4160 Norse Way Long Bch, CA 90808 (562) 425-0588
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Beer/Winemakers of America 755 E Brokaw Rd San Jose, CA 95112 (408) 441-0880	Fermentation Solutions 2511 Winchester Blvd Campbell, CA 95008 (408) 871-1400
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Home Wine Label Competition

In addition to the Wine Competition, there is a Wine Label judging in which Gold, Silver, Bronze and Honorable Mention award certificates, suitable for framing, will be given for winning labels. Participants must have entered wine in the Home Wine Competition to be eligible for this competition. The number of entries is limited to the number of wines entered. Labels may be sent with entry forms or separately. There is a \$3 entry fee for this competition.

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Home Wine Competition

Division 602 – Home Wine

Class

Whites, Dry or Sweet –

75-100% Varietal

CH	Chardonnay
CB	Chenin Blanc
GT	Gewurtztraminer
MU	Muscat
WR	Riesling
SB	Sauvignon Blanc
VW	Other

White Blends –

Less than 75% Varietal

TW	All Blends
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Reds, 75-100% Varietal

BR	Barbera
CS	Cabernet Sauvignon
ME	Merlot
PS	Petite Sirah
PN	Pinot Noir
ZN	Zinfandel
VR	Other

Red Blends -- Less than 75% Varietal

TR	All Blends
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Rose

V1	Varietal Rose
V2	Other Rose

Blush

V2	Varietal Blush
V2	Other Blush

Desserts & Others Concentrates

PO	Port
SH	Sherry
MD	Mead
OF	Other Fortified

Fruits - Dry or Sweet

AP	Apricot	PA	Pineapple
BL	Blackberry	PL	Plum
BY	Boysenberry	RP	Raspberry
CR	Cranberry	ST	Strawberry
EL	Elderberry	FB	Fruit Blend
OR	Orange	FO	Fruit Other
PH	Peach		

Sparkling

SW	All Sparkling Wines
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Division 603 – Home Wine Label

Class

- 01 Best Use of Color
- 02 Wildlife
- 03 Botanical, Grapes & Leaves, Fruit
- 04 Foil & Embossing
- 05 Scenic
- 06 Elegant Design
- 07 Whimsical
- 08 Modern Design
- 09 Thematic
- 10 People
- 11 Name Representation
- 12 Crests & Emblems