

# Wine Department

Open to residents of California

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## Use Wine Entry Form Only

Form on website: [www.AmadorCountyFair.com](http://www.AmadorCountyFair.com) or from the Fair's Entry Office

Fees, Forms & Entries received

May 12 through May 22 9 am to 4 pm

At

Amador County Fair Entry Office

18621 Sherwood & School Streets

Plymouth, CA 95669

Judging: Saturday, May 30 9 am

Fair's Wine Tasting: Fri, July 31, 7:00 pm –

\$25 per person, does not include fair gate admission

## DIVISION 125 –

### COMMERCIAL WINES

Entry Fee: \$15.00 Per Entry

No Cash Awards. Ribbons Only. Awards if sponsored.

### Awards

#### BEST OF SHOW:

*Sponsored by Clocksprings Vineyards*

#### BEST RED WINE:

*Sponsored by Sobon Estate*

#### BEST WHITE WINE :

*Sponsored by Terra d' Oro Winery*

#### BEST DESERT/SWEET WINE:

*Sponsored by Clocksprings Vineyards*

#### BEST ROSE:

*Sponsored by Nine Gables Winery*

#### BEST AMADOR CO. RHONE VARIETAL

*Sponsored by Terra d' Oro Winery*

#### BEST AMADOR CO. Red Zinfandel:

*Sponsored by Terra d' Oro Winery*

#### BEST AMADOR CO. ITALIAN VARIETAL:

*Sponsored by Vino Noceto*

#### BEST SAUVIGNON BLANC

*Sponsored by Cooper Vineyards*

### Rules:

- A. Entries become property of the Amador County Fair and will not be returned. **Entries must be received by 4 PM, Friday, May 22, 2009.**
- B. All classes will be judged single blind. Awards will be based on Danish System of Judging. Double Gold, Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards will be based totally on the recommendations of the judges judging each class. The judges for each division may recommend a Best of Class Award.
- C. All wines will be stored in a temperature-controlled environment prior to the judging.
- D. The wine judging is not open to the public. However, **the Fair Wine Tasting, held Friday, July 31**, is open to all, and will feature the **award winning** wines poured by wineries. Admission will be charged.

- E. Wines bottled under bond by a California Winery. Each entry consists of THREE (3) bottles of wine (**750 ml.**) or FOUR (4) BOTTLES (smaller than 750 ml.) One bottle is for display during the Fair, the remaining bottles are for judging or backup in case of breakage.

### ENTRIES SHALL CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING RULES

- F. The inventory requirement for wine entries has been removed. Please have sufficient quantity of each entry to pour at the Fair's July 31<sup>st</sup> Wine Tasting event.
- G. Barrel samples are not allowed. No exceptions.
- H. All wines must have BATF approved labels attached for the specific wine entered. No "approval pending" type labels will be allowed.
- I. No "**California**" labeled wines will be accepted unless the source of the fruit is stated on the label and conforms to the county restriction listed above.

### Class - WHITE WINES (up to & including 1.0 RS)

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1. Sauvignon Blanc
2. Viognier
3. Other White Rhone Varietals – Marsane, Roussanne, etc.
4. White Rhone Blends - 2 or more of any Rhone Varietal: (Varieties **must be** stated on the label.)
5. Chardonnay
6. Other White Varietals – Albarino, Chenin Blanc, Gewurtztraminer, Pinot Gris, Reisling, Semillon, Verdelho, Vermentino
7. White Bordeaux Blends - 2 or more of any Bordeaux varietal. (Varieties **must be** stated on the label.)
8. White Table Wines, (Variety **must be** stated on the label)
9. Other White Table Wine (Variety **not** be stated on the label)

### Class – RED WINES

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10. Primitivo
11. Zinfandel, Regular - Alc: < 14.6%
12. Zinfandel, Regular - Alc: > 14.5%
13. Sangiovese/ Sangiovetto/ Brunello
14. Barbera
15. Other Red Italian Varietals – Aglianco, Charbono, Dolcetto, Freisa, Nebbiolo, Refosco, Teroldego
16. Red Italian Blends - 2 or more of any Italian Varietal (Varieties **must be** stated on the label).
17. Syrah / Shiraz
18. Petite Sirah / Durif
19. Other Red Rhones - Alicante Bouschet, Carignane, Counoise Grenache, Mourvedre
20. Red Rhone Blends- 2 or more of any Rhone varietal (Varieties **must be** stated on the label)
21. Merlot
22. Cabernet Franc
23. Cabernet Sauvignon
24. Red Bordeaux Blends – 2 or more of any Bordeaux Varietal (Varieties **must be** stated on label)
25. Other Red Varietals - Cinsault, Malbec, Mission, Pinotage Petite Verdot, Pinot Noir, Tempranillo
26. Other Red Varietal Blends (Varieties **must be** stated on label)
27. Red Table Wines - (Variety **not** stated on the label)

### Class - ROSE, PINK AND BLUSH WINES

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28. White Zinfandel
29. Rose Table Wine
30. Varietal Rose – Barbera, Cinsault, Grenache, Malbec Merlot, Nebbiolo, Sangiovese, Syrah, Tempranillo, etc

### COMMERCIAL WINE CLASSES continued next page

**COMMERCIAL WINE CLASSES continued**

**Class- SWEET WHITE WINES (above 1.0 RS)**

- 31. Chenin Blanc
- 32. Riesling
- 33. Gewurztraminer
- 34. Muscats
- 35. Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc or Blends
- 36. Other White Varietals
- 37. White Table Wines

**Class - DESSERT WINES**

- 38. Port Style Wine
- 39. Sherry Wine
- 40. Red Dessert
- 41. Late Harvest (**must be** stated on label)
- 42. White Dessert

**Class – NON-GRAPE WINES**

- 43. Apple
- 44. Berry
- 45. Other Non-Grape

**HOMEMADE WINES**

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**DIVISION 126 - HOMEMADE WINES**

Entry Fee: \$5.00 Per Entry

No Cash Awards – Ribbons Only - Awards if sponsored.

**AWARDS**

**BEST of SHOW HOMEMADE WINES:**

*Sponsored by Clos Du Lac / Greenstone Winery*

**BEST RED WINE:**

*Sponsored by Amador Winemakers Association*

**BEST WHITE WINE:**

*Sponsored by Amador Vintage Market – Main St. Plymouth*

**BEST ZINFANDEL:**

*Sponsored by Amador Winemakers Association*

**Eligibility:** All wines other than those defined as commercial wines or wine made by a winemaker/owner of a bonded winery. Entry consists of one (1) bottle of wine 750 ml. and one (1) FULL "DUMMY" bottle for Display. "Dummy Bottle" should not be wine, but must look like it and be sealed! These are used as display. Bottle **must be** labeled with all the information using the label sample next column  
 Division 126-Homemade Wine Bottle Label Sample

Division: 126 Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Winemaker: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wine Variety: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vintage Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County /AVA where produce was grown: \_\_\_\_\_

**Class – WHITE GRAPE WINES**

- 50. Chardonnay
- 51. Sauvignon Blanc
- 52. Other White Varietals
- 53. White Varietal Blend (Varietals **must be** stated on label)
- 54. White Table Wines (Variety **not** stated on the label)

**Class – RED GRAPE WINES**

- 55. Barbera
- 56. Cabernet Sauvignon
- 57. Sangiovese
- 58. Syrah
- 59. Zinfandel
- 60. Other Red Varietals
- 61. Red Varietal Blend (Varieties **must be** stated on label)
- 62. Red Table Wine (Variety **not** stated on the label)

**Class - ROSE/ PINK AND BLUSH WINES**

- 63. White Zinfandel
- 64. Rose, Dry
- 65. Rose, Sweet

**Class - DESSERT WINES**

- 66. White Dessert
- 67. Port Style
- 68. Red Dessert
- 69. Late Harvest (**must be** stated on label)

**Class - NON-GRAPE WINES**

- 70. Apple
- 71. Berry
- 72. Other Non-Grape

**DIVISION 127**

**HOMEMADE WINE LABEL CONTEST**

Entry Fee: \$1.00 Per Entry

No Cash Awards – Ribbons 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Only

**BEST OF DIVISION sponsored by Amador Co. Wine Grape Growers Assoc.**

- A. Label must have been designed for a 2008 homemade wine entry.
- B. May be submitted along with, but on separate entry form, from wine entry. Deadline is the same as wine entries.
- C. Exhibitor must reside in Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Nevada, or Placer Counties.
- D. Label must be mounted on 5" x 8" card stock.
- E. Limit of two entries per exhibitor

**Class – Homemade Wine Label**

- 73. Homemade Wine Label