



**29th Annual**

**International Wine and Grape Juice Competition**

**February 4 —February 6, 2017**

**January 20, 2017**

**Deadline for Entry Form and Applicable Fees**

**January 25, 2017**

**Deadline for Receipt of Wine and Juice**

**Feb 4 —Feb 6, 2017**

**Competition Dates**



The 2016 Florida State Fair International Wine Competition awarded 49 Double Gold, 105 Gold, 135 Silver and 62 Bronze Medals.  
The following **Best of Show** ribbons were awarded.

<b>Best of Show White Wine:</b>	NV Owahgera White	Owera Vineyards, New York
<b>Best of Show Red Wine:</b>	2014 Humble Pie	BNA Wine Group, California
<b>Best of Show Dessert Wine:</b>	2015 Catawba Ice Wine	Liberty Vineyards and Winery, New York
<b>Best of Show Sparkling:</b>	2013 Sparkling Riesling	Liberty Vineyards and Winery, New York
<b>Best of Show Fruit Wine:</b>	NV Blackberry	Arrowhead Wine Cellars, Pennsylvania
<b>Best of Show Blush/Rose:</b>	NV Catawba	Torrey Ridge Winery, New York

#### IMPORTANT DATES AND SHIPPING INFORMATION FOR THE 2017 COMPETITION

**Mail Form and Check To:** **The Florida State Fair Authority** **By January 20, 2017**  
(DO NOT PUT CHECK IN  
SHIPPING CONTAINERS) **Wine Competition—2017**  
**P O Box 11766, Tampa, FL 33680**

**OR**

**Enter and Pay Online at** **[www.floridastatefair.com](http://www.floridastatefair.com)** **State Fair / Competitions**  
*International Wine & Grape Juice Competition Booklet and Form*

**Ship Wine and Juice To:** **Premier Beverage** License # 3900175KLD **By January 25, 2017**  
Attn: FSF Wine Competition  
C/O Point of Sale Department  
6031 Madison Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33619

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#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

- An official 2017 entry form along with the appropriate fees must be received by **January 20, 2017**.
- There is no limit to the number of wines or juices that a winery may submit.
- An individual wine can only be submitted in one class
- A commercial label must appear on all bottles
- An entry consists of (3) 750 ml or larger bottles, or (6) 375 ml bottles, or (4) 500 ml bottles.
- Entry fee is **\$60** per Wine entry and **\$25** for each Juice entry.
- All shipments must be prepaid.
- No refunds for cancellations can be made after **January 25, 2017**.
- Competition coordinators have the right to reclassify entries if they believe the entry has been incorrectly classified
- Awards are on a merit basis. Gold, Silver and Bronze will be awarded in each class if the entry merits it. Double Gold will be awarded if there is a judge consensus that the entry rates a Gold medal. Ribbons will be awarded for Best of Show Red, White, Sparkling, Dessert Wine, Fruit Wine and Juice.
- Results will be posted on the Florida Grape Growers Association website by February 10, 2017. [www.fgga.org](http://www.fgga.org)
- Medal recipients will be notified by mail no later than March 31, 2017.
- If judges are faced with an obviously flawed bottle, no more than one additional bottle of the same entry will be opened.
- If the competition is not held, fees will be refunded in the amount paid, less a pro rata share of expenses for establishing and maintaining entry files. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Florida State Fair Authority shall not be held liable for failure to perform caused by an act of God, fire, flood, wind, rain, storm, electrical failure, strike, labor disputes, riot, insurrection, war or other causes beyond its control. In such case, the competitor, in signing this agreement, assumes all such risk and is advised to carry insurance to cover any loss.
- All wine entries delivered to the judging site will be stored in a secure area, The Florida State Fair, their service contractors, nor any officer, staff member, sponsor or director of any of the same is responsible for safety of products from theft, damage by fire, accident, vandalism or other causes. The competitor expressly waives and releases any claim or demand he may have against any of them by reason of any damage to, or loss of, any products of the competitor.
- **If you have any questions, contact Robert Paulish at (813) 833-3194 or (813) 633-8692. You may also Fax your inquiries to (813) 902-6656.**



