

*The
Thirtyfirst Annual
Florida State Fair
International Wine and Grape Juice
Competition
2019 Hobbyist Division
Sponsored
by the
Florida State Fair Authority
and the
Florida Wine & Grape Growers Association
February 2 - February 3, 2019*



*Florida State Fair Grounds, Tampa
Special Events Center*

Booklet and Entry Form

Rules Governing Hobbyist Wine Competition

1. Entrants must be at least 21 years old.
2. The entries will be evaluated by panels of judges selected from accredited tasters, including professionals in the areas of product development, research, education and marketing.
3. All entries must have a label attached containing the name of the wine, winemaker's name and the vintage. This must match the Information on the Entry Form.
4. Any one wine may be entered in only one Class.
5. Entries will be presented blind (identified by code only) to the judges in order of residual sugar (Dry, Semi-Sweet, Sweet).
6. In any conflict of classification or criteria, the Judges' Coordinator assumes the responsibility for a final determination.
7. All shipments must be prepaid and must arrive at the Florida State Fair between January 19 and January 29, 2019.
Pack well in proper wine cartons.
8. Competition management will announce winners in each category during the Fair, in printed form. Medal winners will receive medal(s), ribbon(s) and certificate(s) by mail, as appropriate, by the end of March.
9. Wines will be exhibited in the Award Showcase until the day before the end of the Fair. If you wish to pick up your 2nd bottle on February 17th between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, you must call or email the coordinator by January 25, 2019
After 2/17/2019 we have no way to secure your wine.
10. No refunds for cancellations can be made after the deadline.
11. If judges are faced with an obviously flawed bottle, an additional bottle of the same entry will be opened for judging (hence the 2-bottle requirement—1 to judge 1 to display). **If your wine goes to the Best of Show round, the second bottle will be opened.**
12. Awards will be on a merit basis. The judges are instructed to grant no awards when, in their opinion, wines are unworthy, and they are empowered to grant duplicate awards if the quality of the wines so merit.
13. Violations of any rules will result in immediate disqualification without refund.
14. In case 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.
15. Entries delivered to the judging site will be stored in a secure area, but neither the Florida State Fair Authority nor the Florida Wine & Grape Growers Association is responsible for safety of wines.
16. Competition results will be posted on the Florida Wine & Grape Growers website during the week following the competition.

www.fwgga.org

Eligibility

This competition is open to all amateur winemakers at least 21 years of age.

Date and Place of Judging

Saturday and Sunday, February 2 and 3, 2019
Special Events Center, Florida State Fairgrounds
Exit #4 (Orient Road) off of Interstate 4,
Tampa, Florida

Entry

An individual may submit multiple entries. An entry can only be submitted in one class. Pick the class which most fits the wine. An official entry will consist of the entry form, fee, and no less than (2) 750 ml bottles. A list of classes is contained in this booklet. For still wines, use only standard 750 ml corked or screw capped wine bottles free of original labels, capsules and wax. Sparkling wine must be bottled in 750 ml champagne bottles with the proper closure and wire.

Entry Form

The Entry Form and fee must be mailed to arrive at the FWGGA's office prior to the **January 19, 2019** deadline. The Entry Form must be completed in every detail. The Winemaker must sign the form, certifying that all statements on the entry form are true.

Send Entry Form and Fee to:

Florida Wine & Grape Growers Association
c/o FSF Wine Competition Coordinator
P.O. Box 840256
St. Augustine, FL 32080
Check Payable to: FWGGA

The Bottles

Each bottle must have a label which contains the wine name, name of the winemaker and vintage. Unmarked, illegible or unidentified bottles will not be judged.

Wine or Juice must be received at the following location between
January 19 and January 29, 2019

FLORIDA STATE FAIR AUTHORITY
HOBBYIST JUICE COMPETITION
4800 US Hwy 301 North
Tampa, FL 33610

CLEARLY MARK CARTON:

GRAPE JUICE FOR STATE FAIR WINE JUDGING ONLY

Delivery

PACK YOUR WINE CAREFULLY. USE PROPER WINE CARTONS.
INCLUDE A COPY OF THE ENTRY FORM IN THE CARTON.
CLEARLY MARK CARTON:

GRAPE JUICE FOR STATE FAIR WINE JUDGING ONLY

Wines may be hand delivered to the State Fair Office between **January 19 and January 29, 2019**, but **please call in advance** (800) 345-3247. Ask for Brenda Gregory.

Wines shipped or hand delivered to the Florida State Fair should arrive between **January 19th and January 29th**.

Fee

The fee is \$8.00 per entry for Florida Wine & Grape Growers Association (FWGGA) members. The fee for non-FWGGA members is \$10.00 per entry. After the January 19th deadline, entries must be faxed to FWGGA (904) 471-1063, no later than January 24, 2019, and the fee must arrive no later than January 25th. **Do not put checks inside your boxes.**

Awards

The Florida Wine & Grape Growers Association will present certificates. The Florida State Fair will award medals for each Gold, Silver or Bronze medal winner. Ribbons are awarded for Best of Show, Best of Florida and Best of Florida Grown in the following categories: White, Sparkling, Red, Fruit, Juice and Dessert Wine. Ribbons are awarded for Best Kit Wines—Red, White, Sparkling, Dessert. No monetary awards will be given.

Wine Disposition

A bottle of each winning entry will be exhibited in the Award Showcase for the duration of the fair. If you have prearranged, you may pick up your 2nd wine bottle on February 17, 2019, between the hours of 11 AM - 2:00 PM. **Call or email Lou Kavouras before January 25 to arrange pickup. You must pre-arrange pickup.**

Contact Information**Lou Kavouras**

Florida State Fair International Wine Competition Coordinator

Phone: (352) 428-7269 - leave message

FWGGA Phone/Fax: (904) 471-1063

Email: fggacommunications@gmail.com

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SIGNATURE									
WINERY NAME		PHONE () ()							
(ENTER YOUR NAME OR YOUR WINERY NAME - THIS WILL APPEAR IN BOOKLET)									
WINEMAKER		FAX () ()							
(ENTER WINEMAKER IF DIFFERENT FROM WINERY NAME ABOVE)									
ADDRESS		STATE		ZIP		H			
CITY									
CONTACT		EMAIL							
SIGNATURE									
By signing this form you are certifying that all rules have been met									
FEES									
Fees Payable To					Ship Wine And Juice To				
Member: Florida Wine & Grape Growers Assoc.					Florida State Fair Authority				
Entries @ \$8		\$		HOBBYIST JUICE COMPETITION					
or									
Non-Member Fee		\$		4800 U S Hwy 301 North					
				Tampa, FL 33610					
				(352) 428-7269 <i>Include entry Form with Check (Pack in Proper Wine Boxes With Copy of Form)</i>					
				fggacommunications@gmail.com					
Class									
Labeled Wine Name and Kit Brand Name		Vintage		Primary Appellations and %		Gallons Produced		Residual Sugar % or Dry / Semi / Sweet	
915		2017		New Zealand 85% Napa Valley 15%		10		Dry	
Example: Sauvignon Blanc								Predominant Grape or Fruit and %	
Selection Estate NZ SB								100% Sauvignon Blanc	
								Alcohol %	
								14	

if you want to pick up your 2nd bottle of wine on February 17, between 11 am - 2 pm, you will need to call or email Lou Kavouras before January 25.

Entry Form Instructions:

Complete the top portion of the form:

Winery Name
Winemaker
Address
City State Zip Code
Phone FAX
Contact
Email Address if you have one.

Example	
Smith Vineyard	
Bob Smith	
33 Rough Road	
Lithia FL	33547
813-555-5555	813-555-5555
Bob Smith	
bsmith@hughes.net	

Sign the form in the space provided

Your certificate(s) and medal(s) will be mailed to the above address.

The certificate and the awards booklet will contain the name that you have entered.

The phone number will be used to contact you if we have a question regarding your entry.

Fees: Calculate the appropriate fee by multiplying the number of entries times the cost per entry

For each entry, supply the following information:

Class #: This can be found on the CLASSES sheet in this booklet.

Labeled Wine Name: Examples: (Noble, Red Wine, White Blend)

Kit Brand Name: If you made the wine from a kit, write in the BRAND name of the kit (Selection Estate New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc; Vintner's Reserve Sauvignon Blanc)

Vintage: This describes both the harvested year and the year that the wine was produced.

If the wine is a blend of more than 1 year, but 95% is from one year, you may use that year.

Otherwise a blend of 2 or more years would be considered *Non-Vintage* (NV). Examples: (2002, 2004, NV).

Appellation is defined as the Origin of the Grapes or Fruit used in the wine. Examples: (CA 80%, NZ 20%), FL 100%, (FL 80%, MI 20%)

Appellation %: If 75% or more of a given appellation is FL, then the wine will be entered in the Amateur Best of Show Florida as well as the Amateur Best of Show Florida Grown competition, provided it is a Gold Medal Winner.

All other Gold Medal Winners will be entered in the Amateur Best of Show competition only.

Gallons Produced: Enter the number of gallons of this product that you produced..

Residual Sugar %: Indicate % or Dry, Semi-Sweet, Sweet.

The judges will taste the wines beginning with Dry and moving to Sweet.

If you do not indicate the sweetness level, your wine may be judged out of order and therefore not receive full marks.

Predominate Grape or Fruit Variety %:

Examples: (80% Chardonnay 20% Fume), (100% Noble), (80% Strawberry, 20% Concord)

Alcohol %: This item is optional. If you have measured the percentage, list it.

Wine Pickup:

If you are interested in picking up your wine on February 17, 2019 between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, you must call or email Lou Kavouras before January 25, 2019. (No Exceptions)

PLACE A COPY OF THE ENTRY FORM IN THE CARTON WITH THE WINE.

MAIL A COPY OF THE ENTRY FORM TO FWGGA TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHECK FOR THE APPROPRIATE ENTRY FEE