

*The Thirty-second
Annual
Florida State Fair
International Wine and Grape Juice
Competition
2020 Hobbyist Division
Sponsored
by the
Florida State Fair Authority
and the
Florida Wine & Grape Growers Association
February 1 - February 2, 2020*



*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 18 and January 26, 2020.
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 16th between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, you must call or email the coordinator by January 24, 2020.
After 2/16/2020 wine will no longer be available for pickup.
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 1 and 2, 2020
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 18, 2020** 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 correct.

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 18 and January 26, 2020

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 18 and January 26, 2020**, 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 18th and January 26th**.

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. The Entry Form and fee must arrive at the FWGGA's office prior to the January 18th deadline. Forms may also be faxed to the FWGGA at (904) 471-1063. **NOTE: Please 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 16, 2020, between the hours of 11 AM - 2:00 PM. **Call or email Liza Munion before January 24 to arrange pickup. You must pre-arrange pickup.**

Contact Information**Liza Munion**

Florida State Fair International Wine Competition Coordinator

Phone: (757) 947-6176 – Please leave a message

FWGGA Phone/Fax: (904) 471-1063

Email: fwggasocial@gmail.com

HOBBYIST WINE AND JUICE CLASSES - 2020

VINIFERA KIT WINE - RED		VINIFERA - RED		NATIVE AMERICAN – RED		FLORIDA FRUIT WINES - RED	
900	Cabernet Sauvignon Kit	800	Cabernet Sauvignon	840	Concord	950	FL Blueberry
901	Merlot Kit	801	Merlot	841	Other Red Native	951	FL Elderberry
902	Pinot Noir Kit	802	Pinot Noir	842	Blended Native - Red	952	FL Raspberry
903	Sangiovese Kit	803	Sangiovese			953	FL Straw berry
904	Syrah / Shiraz Kit	804	Syrah / Shiraz	NATIVE AMERICAN - WHITE		954	FL Single Source Red
905	Other Red Vinifera Kit	805	Other Red Vinifera	850	White Native	955	FL Blend Red Fruit
906	Red Vinifera Blend Kit	806	Blended Red Vinifera	851	Blended Native - White		
						FLORIDA FRUIT WINES - WHITE	
VINIFERA KIT WINE - WHITE		VINIFERA - WHITE		HYBRIDS - RED		960	FL Citrus
910	Chardonnay Kit	810	Chardonnay	855	Red Hybrids	961	FL Grapefruit
911	Chenin Blanc Kit	811	Chenin Blanc	856	Blended Hybrids - Red	962	FL Lime
912	Gewürztraminer – Kit	812	Gewürztraminer			963	FL Peaches
913	Pinot Gris / Grigio Kit	813	Pinot Gris / Grigio	HYBRIDS - WHITE		964	FL Pineapple
914	Riesling Kit	814	Riesling	860	Blanc du Bois	965	FL Single Source White
915	Sauvignon Blanc Kit	815	Sauvignon Blanc	861	Stover	966	FL Blended White Fruit
916	Other White Vinifera Kit	816	Other White Vinifera	862	Other White Hybrids	967	FL Blush / Rosé Fruit
917	White Vinifera Blend Kit	817	White Vinifera Blend	863	Blended Hybrids - White		
				864	Blush / Rosé Hybrids	NON FLORIDA FRUIT WINES - RED	
VINIFERA KIT WINE – BLUSH		VINIFERA WINE - BLUSH				970	Single Source Red
918	White Zinfandel Kit	818	White Zinfandel	MUSCADINE - RED		971	Blended Red
919	Blush / Rosé Kit	819	Other Blush / Rosé	870	Ison		
				871	Noble	NON FLORIDA FRUIT WINES - WHITE	
DESSERT KIT WINE		DESSERT WINE		872	Other Red Muscadine	980	Peach, Stone Fruit
920	Late Harvest Dessert Kit - White	820	Late Harvest - White	873	Blended Muscadine - Red	981	Single Source White
921	Late Harvest Dessert Kit - Red	821	Late Harvest - Red			982	Blended White
922	Port Style Kit	822	Port Style	MUSCADINE - WHITE		983	Blush / Rosé Fruit
923	Sherry Style Kit	823	Sherry Style	875	Carlos		
		824	Dessert Specialty Wine	876	Other White Muscadine	JUICE	
		825	Berry Dessert Wine	877	Blended White Muscadine	995	Muscadine Juice
		826	Other Dessert Wine	878	Blush / Rosé	996	Other Juice
SPARKLING KIT WINE		SPARKLING WINE				HONEY MEADS / UNIQUE WINE	
930	Sparkling Kit – White	830	Sparkling - White Grape			880	Honey / Mead
931	Sparkling Kit – Red	831	Sparkling - Red Grape			881	Unique (Vegetable, Barley, etc.)
932	Sparkling Kit – Pink	832	Sparkling - Pink				
		833	Non-Grape Sparkling				
GRAPE / NON-GRAPE BLEND KIT		GRAPE / NON-GRAPE BLEND		NOTE: THERE ARE SEPARATE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR KIT WINE. REVIEW ENTIRE CLASS SHEET BEFORE SELECTING ONE FOR YOUR ENTRY.			
990	Grape/Non-Grape Kit - Red	890	Grape/Non-Grape - Red				
991	Grape/Non-Grape Kit - White	891	Grape/Non-Grape - White				
992	Grape/Non-Grape Kit - Blush/Rosé	892	Grape/Non-Grape - Blush/Rosé				
<p><i>Wines must Contain at least 75% of a designated type, if entered as a Varietal.</i></p> <p><i>Wines with no single varietal of 75% must be entered as a Blend.</i></p>							

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					
CITY		STATE		ZIP	
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 Wine & Grape Growers Association (FWGGA)		Florida State Fair Authority	
Entries @ \$8	\$	FSF Competition Coordinator		HOBBYIST JUICE COMPETITION	
Or		P.O. Box		4800 U S Hwy 301 North	
Non-Member Fee		St. Augustine, FL		Tampa, FL 33610	
Entries @ \$10	\$	(757) 947-6176	Include entry Form with Check	(Pack in Proper Wine Boxes with Copy of Form)	
		fwggasocial@gmail.com			

Class	Labeled Wine Name and Kit Brand Name	Vintage	Primary Appellations and %	Gallons Produced	Residual Sugar % or Dry / Semi / Sweet	Predominant Grape or Fruit and %	Alcohol %
915	<i>Example:</i> Sauvignon Blanc Selection Estate NZ SB	2017	New Zealand 85% Napa Valley 15%	10	Dry	100% Sauvignon Blanc	14

Picking up your 2nd bottle of wine? Yes ___ No ___. If so – bottle **MUST** be picked up on February 16 between 11 am - 2 pm.

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.

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.

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

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 %: 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%)

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 16, 2020 between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, you must call or email Liza Munion before January 24, 2020. (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**