

HOME WINE COMPETITION - Department 27

Competition Coordinator: Lynne Montgomery

Competition sponsored by Vetter Vineyards, Westfield, NY



ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2010

- Entry Fee:** \$20.00 allows unlimited number of entries (includes 5 admissions to the Fair)
Judging: Wednesday, August 18th at 10:00 AM in the Ag-Grange Building
Paperwork Deadline: Paperwork must be completed and submitted to the Fair Competitive Exhibits Office by Friday, August 6th.
Wine Drop Off: Wines must be dropped off at one of the drop off points by Friday, August 6th (with a copy of the entry form)
Wine Pick Up: Monday, August 23rd, 9am – 1pm or regular office hours any day after (*unopened wine, medallions and critiques can be picked up*)

General Home Wine Competition Department Rules

1. Open to any amateur winemaker, 21 years or older, who is a resident of New York State.
2. No exhibitor shall be involved in commercial winemaking or use the services of a commercial winemaking facility.
3. All wines must be produced and bottled in New York State by the exhibitor. Any wine entered in competition becomes the property of the Erie County Agricultural Society.
4. Two (2) bottles (750ml) per entry. Each bottle must be labeled with the following: (1) name of wine, (2) class number, (3) grape or fruit variety, (4) winemakers name, (5) winemakers address. (One bottle will be used for the first pour of the competition. The second bottle will be used for display during Erie County Fair, re-pours and Best of Show)
5. Awards will be presented to winning wines upon completion of the competition. Wines will be on display in the Ag-Grange Building throughout the Fair.
6. The decision of the judges is final.
7. All exhibitors will receive a brief critique of the wines entered.
8. Wines must be dropped off for judging **NO LATER THAN** Friday, August 6, 2010. The following **DROP OFF POINTS** will accept wines until Friday, August 6, 2010. (Call ahead for hours and directions)
 - The Erie County Fair Competitive Exhibits Office, 5600 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, NY 14075, (716) 649-3900, ext. 407
 - Vetter Vineyards, 8005 Prospect Station Rd., Westfield, NY 14787 (716)326-3100

****Please give as much detail as possible to assist in judging properly****

For Your Information:

- Native Grapes – North American originated grapes (i.e. Niagara, Delaware, Dutchess, Scuppernonog, Concord, etc.)
- Vinifera – European originated grapes (i.e. Chardonnay, Riesling, Gewurztraminer, Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfindal, Merlot, Pinot Noir)
- Hybrid – grapes crossed with one or more species of grapes (i.e. Seyval, Vidal, Native/Vinifera, Vinifera/Vinifera)

SECTION A – HOME WINE COMPETITION

CLASSES # 1 – 12 PREMIUMS Medallions - Gold, Silver, Bronze

1. Vinifera – white
2. Hybrid – white
3. Native – white
4. Vinifera – red
5. Hybrid – red
6. Native – red
7. Rose - Blush or pink grapes
8. Fruit (non-grape)
9. Any other variety (non-grape, i.e. dandelion, honey)
10. Fortified Wines
11. Sparkling – all types
12. Bottle label contest (specify on entry form, which entry is to be used) – award will be based on the best use of the 2010 Erie County Fair theme “Fair Fever – Catch It

BEST OF SHOW

Will be awarded for overall outstanding wine.