



**170th ANNUAL
NEW YORK STATE FAIR
581 STATE FAIR BOULEVARD
SYRACUSE, NY 13209
(315) 487-7711**

August 25 through September 5, 2016

AMATEUR WINE COMPETITION

**STATE OF NEW YORK
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NEW YORK STATE FAIR MISSION STATEMENT

New York State is agriculture, youth, education, industry, diverse cultural traditions and more – our treasured past and brilliant future.

The primary purpose of the New York State Fair is to conduct an annual celebration of the economic, cultural and institutional strengths indigenous to New York with a special emphasis on agriculture as one of the State's largest and most important industries. Along with twelve-days of expositions, the Fair will offer various forms of affordable entertainment and amusement for families and friends, and showcase the talents, skills and aspiration of our youth. The Fair will also promote agricultural growth and awareness through educational programs, Statewide competitions in breeding and showing of livestock, and by promoting and supporting the sale of the State's agricultural and food products.

The Fair administration will proficiently and effectively promote the ongoing use of the Fairgrounds to realize the full potential of the Fair as a leading center for exhibitions, trade shows, agricultural events, and cultural and entertainment productions. At the same time, the Fair administration will foster State pride and maximize revenue while preserving the character and tradition of the Fair.

With a full embrace of the State's insignia, "Excelsior," the Fair will be operated according to the highest standards of professionalism and ethical conduct.

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ENTRY FORM DEADLINE: Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Entry Fee: \$20.00 for each two (2) bottle entry/No Fee for Class 999 – Label Competition
Drop Point Due Date: Wines must be received by Wednesday, June 22nd
Entry Arrival: Wines must be received at the State Fair by Thursday, June 30th
Competition Date: Tuesday, July 12
Awards Ceremony: Sunday, August 28, 12:00 noon, Art & Home Center Empire Theatre

Make checks payable to the “NEW YORK STATE FAIR”

Use the appropriate entry form

The New York State Fair is proud to announce the 35th Annual New York State Fair Amateur Wine Competition.

EXHIBITOR GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The rules printed herein are made a part of the conditions under which all entries of exhibitors are made, and exhibitors are respectfully requested to read them carefully, thereby avoiding confusion at the time of the competition and to make certain in which classes their entries belong as well as period of exhibits.
2. As a condition of exhibiting at the New York State Fair, the exhibitor authorizes the State Fair to use any photographs from the event for future publications.
3. Entries may be made in person, on-line at www.nysfair.org/competitions or by mail. Official entry blank for specific Department must be used, except for on-line entries.
4. Failure to exhibit entry for any reason no satisfactory to the Superintendent of that Department shall forfeit all fees and rents paid by them, except where cancellation of classes, lack of housing or similar reasons may prevent exhibition of entry.
5. The New York State Fair assumes no responsibility for payment of special awards offered by others.
6. The greatest possible care will be taken of all exhibits, but the Management is not responsible for any accident, mistake, loss or damage that occurs, the specimens being entered at the sole risk of owner. Competent personnel will be in charge of the exhibition night and day, and the Management will do all in its power for the safety and protection of all exhibits.

SPECIAL RULES APPLY TO THIS DEPARTMENT

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. This is an amateur competition.
3. Exhibitor assumes risk associated with, resulting from or arising in connection with Exhibitor's participation or presence at the New York State Fair, including, risks of theft, loss, harm or injury to the person, property, whether caused by negligence, intentional act, accident, Act of God or otherwise. Exhibitor has sole responsibility for its property or any theft, damage or other loss to such property, whether or not stored in any courtesy storage areas. The New York State Fair, nor any of their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives or assigns, shall be liable for, and Exhibitor hereby releases all of them from, and covenants not to sue any of them with respect to, risks, damages and liability described in this paragraph.
4. There is **no limit** of wines per exhibitor.
5. All wine must be made in New York State by the exhibitor.
6. Two (2) bottles of each entry is required. No wine bottles will be returned to the exhibitor. Standard 750 ml (4/5 quart) wine bottles or 375 ml wine bottles are acceptable. This will reduce your costs, especially if you are shipping.
7. Each bottle must be identified with the winemaker's name, address, entry category number and grape or fruit variety. **THIS MUST MATCH THE INFORMATION ON THE ENTRY FORM.**
8. Each exhibitor will receive one (1) complimentary admission pass to the Fair. Good from August 25 to September 5, 2016.
9. To enter, complete and sign the entry form and send the completed form and payment (made payable to the NYS Fair) to the NYS Fair, 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209 by the June 22 deadline.
10. Ship or deliver the wine and a copy of the entry form to the New York State Fair Amateur Wine Competition, NYS Fair, 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209. If you ship the wine to the Fair, it must be at the Fair by Thursday, June 30, 2016. If you use one of the following drop points, it must be at the drop point by Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

Drop Points

Bottom of the Barrel
1736 Mt. Hope Avenue
Oneida, NY 13421
(315) 366-0655
Mark Peters
Bofb1@verizon.net

Merritt Estate Winery
2264 King Road
Forestville, NY 14062
(888) 965-4800
Jason Merritt
nywines@merrittstatewinery.com

Doc's Homebrew Supplies
451 Court Street
Binghamton, NY 13904
(607) 722-2476
Doc Dougherty
Docsbrew@verizon.net

Let's Do Wine
6864 Transit Road
Depew, NY 14043
(716) 686-9969
Wendy Kielar
wendy@letsdowine.com

10 Thousand Vines
8 South Buffalo Road
Hamburg, NY 14075
(716) 646-9979
Mike Ditonto
Mikedito@roadrunner.com

Kevin Hoover
1411 Washington Street
Watertown, NY 13601

Casa Vin Arte
120 Village Landing
Fairport, NY 14450
(585) 377-4520
Ken Hall
casavinarte@frontiernet.net

Hydroponic Shops of America
720 Willow Ave
Ithaca, NY 14850
(607) 697-0199

Mayers Lake Ontario Winery
699 Five Mile Line Road
Webster, NY 14580
(585) 671-1979
Lorraine Schiffhauer
Lorraine@vinoinc.com

Fulkerson Winery
5576 Route 14
Dundee, NY 14837
(607) 243-7883
Brittany Morris
advertising@fulkersonwinery.com

Freedom Run Winery
5138 Lower Mountain Road
Lockport, NY 14094
(716) 433-4136
Kurt Guba
manningmanor@freedomrunwinery.com

11. **Do not use the US Postal Service to ship wines. Use only UPS or Fed Ex.**
12. Entry categories are listed below and on the entry form. Select the proper category from those shown.
13. The competition committee will decide questions on rules and procedures. All decisions rendered will be final.
14. All exhibitors will receive a brief critique of the wines they entered, one complimentary admission ticket to the Fair and a Certificate of Achievement. All medal winners will receive a Certificate of Achievement and either a Double Gold, Gold, Silver or Bronze medal.
15. All entries become the property of the New York State Fair.
16. The decision of the judges is final except where error, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award is proven. In such cases, the Superintendent or such referee as he/she may appoint may make decisions, or the case may be appealed to the Agriculture Manager, whose decisions shall be final.
17. Best of Class Awards will be awarded in each category. Best of Show Award may go to a wine in any category.
18. The Competition Committee reserves the right to combine categories when the number of entries so warrants and/or to divide categories if the range of sweetness or other factors present so warrants.
19. Depending on the number of entries, kit wines may be judged separately.

20. Entry Categories:

Category #	Description
110	Vinifera – White
120	Vinifera – Red
130	Vinifera - Rose'/Blush
210	Hybrid - White
220	Hybrid - Red
230	Hybrid - Rose'/Blush
310	Native - White
320	Native - Red
330	Native - Rose'/Blush
400	Fruit- (Non-Grape)
500	Sparkling – Grape
510	Sparkling – Non-Grape
600	Fortified
700	Mead – Still, Sparkling
800	Specialty – Dandelion, Maple Syrup, etc.
900	Dessert
999	Winemaker Bottle Label Contest – Must be crafted by winemaker and presented on bottle of judged wine. If you are entering a wine with a label you wish to have judged, highlight that line on the entry form and identify with “category 999” – winemaker bottle label contest. This is to be marked next to category entry number. (Example – 210/999). No Fee for this class.

21. For blends, choose highest percentage to categorize. For lists of vinifera varieties, native (Labrusca) varieties and hybrid varieties, see [Wikipedia.org/wiki/list of grape varieties](http://Wikipedia.org/wiki/list_of_grape_varieties).

Below is a sample mailing label. Feel free to make copies and put on your boxes.

ATTENTION!

**Food Samples for evaluation
No Commercial Value – not perishable
Conforms to IRS and FDA
Not Taxable per 27CFR24.75
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