

2026 NYS Fair Amateur Wine Competition Winners

Welcome to the New York State Fair Amateur Wine Competition. This year we had 40 Exhibitors enter 144 entries which equaled 28 flights. We awarded 51 Bronze, 40 Silver, 15 Gold, and 9 Double Gold for a grand total of 115 medals.

Jeffrey Abbott	Freeville	2025 Chardonnay	Silver
		2025 Coret Noir	Bronze
		2025 DeChaunac	Bronze
Joe Ascenzi & Mark Eagan	Fulton	2025 Sangiovese	Bronze
		2025 Cabernet Sauvignon	Double Gold
Art Bourdeau	Clifton Park	2024 Cabernet Franc	Bronze
Don Catharine	Burnt Hills	2025 Sparkling Apple Cider	Bronze
		2025 Apple	Silver
		1 st Place Label	
James Clark	Cortland	2025 Traminette	Bronze
		2025 Chardonnay	Silver
		2025 Chancellor	Silver

Gary Coons	North Tonawanda	2025 Thistle	Bronze
		2025 Black Raspberry	Double Gold
		2025 Thistle Honey, NYS Blueberries	Silver
Gary Di Raffaele	Yonkers	2024 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Sangiovese	Bronze
		2025 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petite Sirah, 5% Petit Verdot	Bronze
		2025 Teroldego	Double Gold
		2026 Best of Red	
		2020 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Malbec	Double Gold
		2022 85% Sangiovese, 15% Merlot	Gold
		2021 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Sangiovese, 10% Merlot	Silver
		2023 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot	Silver
		2024 Cabernet Sauvignon	Silver

Mark Edwards Timothy Fiorentino	Syracuse Newport	2025 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot	Silver
		2024 95% Tempranillo, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon	Silver
		2021 Thompson Seedless	Gold
		2025 Cabernet Franc, Merlot Malbec	Bronze
		2025 Strawberry & Rhubarb	Bronze
Todd Fiorenza		2025 Viognier	Gold
		2025 Plum	Gold
		2025 Chardonnay	Bronze
		2025 Chardonnay with Oak	Bronze
		2025 Riesling	Bronze
		2025 Cabernet Franc	Bronze
		2025 Cabernet Sauvignon	Bronze
		2025 Merlot with Oak	Bronze
		2025 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Black Cherry	Bronze
		2025 Petite Sirah	Bronze
		2025 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Merlot	Bronze
		2025 Barbera	Bronze

Phil Gerhart	Newark	2025 Cherry	Bronze
		2025 Cherry Merlot Port	Bronze
		2025 Apple	Gold
		2025 Sauvignon Blanc	Silver
		2025 Crème Brulee	Silver
		2025 Chocolate Orange	Silver
		2025 Chocolate Raspberry	Silver
		2025 Chocolate Sea Salt Caramel	Silver
		Participant	
		2025 Blackberry	Silver
Joe Granita	Dansville	2025 Marechal Foch	Silver
Wilfred Grimmick	Watervliet	2025 Cabernet Franc	Bronze
Michael Gum	Elmira	2024 Riesling	Bronze
Heath Jaquish	Rotterdam	2025 60% Cabernet Franc	
		20% Cabernet Sauvignon	
		20% Merlot	Bronze
		2025 Baco Noir	Bronze
		2025 Black Raspberry,	
		Southern Estate	Bronze
		2025 Cherry, Northern Estate	
		Nanking Asian	Bronze
		2025 Rhubarb, Northern Estate	Bronze
		2025 Pear, Northern Estate	Bronze

Andrew Jones	Rochester	2025 Old Vine Concord, Northern Estate	Silver
		2025 Cayuga White	Silver
		2025 98% Iona, 2% Vincent	Silver
		2025 Diana	Silver
Joseph Knizeski	Orangeburg	2025 Zinfandel	Bronze
		2025 Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache	Gold
		2025 Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache, Zinfandel	Silver
		Participant	
Bryan Kransler	Farmington		
Marcus Le Beau	Syracuse	2023 Zinfandel	Bronze
Katie Legg	Kirkwood	Participant	
Larry Liberatore	Auburn	2025 Riesling	Bronze
Richard Matthews	Kirkville	2025 Blackberry, Blueberry Elderberry	Bronze
		2025 Strawberry, Rhubarb	Double Gold
		2025 Strawberry, Blueberry	Gold
		2026 Raspberry Chocolate	Silver
Nia McIntosh	New York	2025 Peaches & Apricots	Silver

Morning Lily Carly Kraft & Virginia Wood	Canandaigua	2025 Cayuga White, Riesling, Vidal, Chancellor, Diana	Bronze
		2025 Cayuga White, Riesling, Vidal, Chancellor, Diana	Silver
Dawn Moucha	Victor	2024 Chardonnay 3 rd Place Label	Bronze
Ryan OKane	Memphis	2025 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Sangiovese, 25% Syrah	Bronze
Larry Pauly	Farmington	2023 Cabernet Franc	Double Gold
Dan Pfendler	New Hartford	2022 Chianti	Bronze
		2024 Carmenere	Bronze
William Phelps	Cato	Participant	
Retired Guys Dutch Street	Dundee	2024 Cabernet Franc	Bronze
		2025 Saperavi	Bronze
		2025 Sauvignon Blanc	Gold
		2025 Saperavi	Silver
Larry Roux	North Syracuse	2025 Baco Noir	Bronze
		2026 Best of Show	
		2026 Best of White	
		2025 Aromella	Double Gold

Michael Shubsda	Liverpool	2024 Traminette	Double Gold
		2025 Riesling	Gold
		2026 Best of Fruit	
		2025 Peach	Gold
		2024 Riesling	Gold
		2025 Valvin Muscat	Silver
		2025 76% Blueberry, 24% Blackberry	Silver
		2025 33% Cabernet Sauvignon 33% Corot Noir, 33% Merlot	Bronze
		2025 Corot Noir	Bronze
		2025 Gruner Veltliner	Double Gold
Gerald Stevens Jim Vivenzio	Rome Auburn	2025 Cabernet Sauvignon	Silver
		2025 Merlot	Silver
		2025 Sangiovese	Silver
		2021 Traminette	Bronze
		2023 Chianti	Bronze
		2023 Blueberry, Raspberry, Black Raspberry	Bronze
		2022 Chianti	Double Gold
		2022 Riesling	Gold
		2023 Nebbiolo	Silver

Vigilante Wine Club	Bedford	2023 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Sangiovese, 5% Cabernet Franc	Gold
		2023 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Syrah, 10% Malbec	Gold
		2023 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petite Verdot, 5% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Franc	Silver
		2024 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petite Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc	Silver
		2023 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Franc	Silver
		2023 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Petit Syrah, 10% Petite Verdot	Silver
Peter Voyt Alinka & Joe Clement	Canandaigua	2025 Riesling	Silver

Marywood	Camillus	Participant	
Anthony Mangano		2 nd Place Label	
Timothy Wyant	Cheektowaga	2024 Sangiovese	Bronze
		2025 Grenache (Blanc de Noir)	Bronze
		2025 Vermentino	Silver
Steven Yahoodik	Webster	Participant	
Chardanay Young-Ford	Buffalo	2025 60% Peach,	
		40% Muscadine Grape	Bronze
		2025 50% Strawberry,	
		50% Raspberry	Silver
		2025 80% Riesling,	
		20% Raspberry	Silver