

2008 Key Peninsula Community Fair WINE JUDGING CONTEST

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1. No Fee to Enter: Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Exhibitors are expected to pay their own gate fees.
2. Entry Form Due Before Fair: The entry form must be prepared and mailed or delivered to Fair staff no later than July 3rd.
3. Entry Delivery Day: All entries must be delivered to the competition site at the Fair on Friday, July 11 no earlier than 7:30 a.m. and no later than 10:00 a.m. Competitors are expected to pay gate fees to enter the Fairgrounds.
4. Conditions of Entry: No commercial winery entries will be accepted. Home vintners may enter as many separate categories of wine as they wish. Entries will be accepted from anyone who is over the age of 21 and who resides in the State of Washington
 - a. An entry consists of two (2) 750ml bottles of corked wine. Bottles may be any color of clear glass. Opaque bottles are discouraged but may be accepted if clear enough to determine sediment content. Painted bottles will not be accepted. Champagne bottles will not be accepted. Ornamental bottles will not be accepted. All bottles must appear sterile and be totally free of any commercial label, or they will not be accepted for entry.
 - b. The entrants personal generic or decorative label (e.g. "Fred's Red") may be affixed to both entry bottles.. One of these bottles is the display bottle that will be exhibited at the wine contest booth. The other bottle is the judging bottle. Bottles bearing any previous commercial label will not be accepted as the unlabeled bottle Fair staff will affix a generic label to this bottle and then place it in a generic paper bag. Both labels and bags will be provided by Fair staff. This is the test bottle and as a condition of entry, the entrant agrees that this bottle may be opened and tasted/tested.
 - c. The display (one of two bottles making up an entry) must be picked up on Sunday July 13 no earlier than 4:30 p.m. or later than 7:30 p.m. As a condition of entry, each entrant agrees that display wine still on hand after 7:30 p.m. will become the property of the Key Peninsula Community Fair and entrants are advised that all wines (bottles and contents) left after 7:30 p.m. will disposed of by Fair staff. The opened bottle (judging bottle) will not be returned.
 - d. The kind of wine (the particular ingredient e.g. grape, not the wine's name) must be disclosed on the entry form. If the wine is a blend of ingredients, e.g. grape and apple, all ingredients must be listed in order of their percentage. If any bottle, in the opinion of the judges, contains anything other than the wine ingredients specified

by the entrant, the entry will be disqualified by the judges or transferred to the "general" category, as the judges elect.

- e. Entrants are responsible for determining the specific gravity of each wine entered and entering the wine in the appropriate class before delivering the wine to Fair staff. Specific gravity must be included on the entry form and will be reported by Fair staff, on the entry label prepared by Fair staff, in the manner reported by each entrant. Wines entered in the wrong class, based on such additional specific gravity testing as the judges may choose to do, will be treated as entered in the "general" category and judged as such. Entrants who either fail to report specific gravity on the entry form or choose not to test for specific gravity will be deemed to have entered their wine in the "general" category.
5. Judging: The Puget Sound Amateur Wine and Beer Making Club will provide judges. No discussion with the judges is allowed. Judging will take place on either July 11th or July 12th, depending on the Judge's schedule. Judging should be completed and awards made by 12:00 noon on July 12th. Awards will be posted with "display" bottles on the "Display Table."
- a. Method: Each wine entry will be judged by more than one judge.
 - b. Criteria: Wines will be judge on their clarity and color, aroma and bouquet, body, flavor, balance and finish.
 - c. Specific Gravity: Dry wines must have a specific gravity of 1.003 or below; Sweet wines must have a specific gravity from 1.004 to 1.012; Desert/After-Dinner wines must have a specific gravity greater than 1.012.
 - d. Categories:
Wines are grouped as follows:
 - I. Fruit/berry
 - a. Berry, dry
 - b. Berry, sweet
 - II. Country/General Note: Unless the wine is entered as a Desert/ After-Dinner wine, all wines that include ingredients from two of the remaining categories or that include vegetables will be entered and judged in this category. All wines with no reported specific gravity or wines with an incorrect reported specific gravity will be included in this category. All vegetable-only wines will be included in this category.
 - III. Grape-Non-Varietal
 - a. Red, dry
 - b. Red, sweet
 - c. White, dry
 - d. White, sweet
 - e. Blush, dry
 - f. Blush, sweet
 - IV. Grape-Varietal
 - a. Red, dry
 - b. Red, sweet
 - c. White, dry
 - d. White, sweet
 - e. Blush, dry

- f. Blush, sweet
- V. Desert/After-Dinner

Note: Classes may be consolidated by the judges based upon sufficiency of entrants.

6. Awards: There will be categorical ribbon awards. In addition, a "Best of Show" award will be made from secondary judging of the First Place wines in all categories.
 - a. Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second and Third in each category.
 - b. First place wines in each category will compete for the "Best of Show" award.
 - c. Wines receiving a ribbon award will be displayed at the wine booth with the name of the entrant disclosed.