

2025 ENTRY HANDBOOK



The California Mid-State Fair Home Winemaking Competition is for amateur wine makers here on the central coast of California. Giving them the opportunity to showcase their wines and receive great feedback to better their hobby.

Chief Judge – Michael Jones, San Miguel, CA Lead Organization - California Mid-State Fair

2024 BEST OF AWARDS

Best of Show and Best of Rosé: Brad Bunkelman, Santa Maria, Rose of Cabernet Sauvignon Best of Dessert: Casey Butler, Arroyo Grande, Dessert Wine Best of Red: Brad Bunkelman, Santa Maria, Red Blend Best of White/Sparkling: Fred Carbone, Santa Maria, Grenache Blanc

GENERAL RULES

- I. All exhibitors must be amateur winemakers. By giving the ok online the exhibitor declares that his/her entries were made in a home winemaking situation and not by a winery on a commercial basis. In case of question, the committee of the winemaking competition will be the final judge.
- 2. Wines must be made from grapes that were grown in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara or Monterey County.
- 3. Please label your bottles. If you do not have a decorative label then **rubber band** a plain label on each bottle displaying your name, the varietal and vintage.
- 4. Registration is to be done online at http://cmsfw.fairwire.com
- 5. One (I) bottle of each wine entered must be submitted for judging. Size of bottle to be fifth or 750 ml ONLY. Larger or smaller bottles will not be accepted. The only exception will be Dessert wines which will be accepted in 375 ml bottles.
- 6. Entries will not be returned to entrant. Score sheets will be mailed to exhibitor with ribbons in a timely manner.
- 7. No previous first place, blue ribbon or gold medal wine may be re-entered.
- 8. Ribbons and score sheets will be mailed after the judging is completed.
- 9. Due to space limitations, the Fair Management reserves the right to the display.
- 10. Any Other Varietal Classes may be broken into its own single varietal of wine. With the excess of 5 or more entries.
- 11. By entering, your wine, entry(s) may be used for educational purposes.
- 12. Any entry received after the deadline will not be judged or returned. Entries may be shipped directly to the California Mid-State Fair and must arrive by Friday, April 25 by 4:00pm.
- 13. Six (6) Entries per Class per Exhibitor
- 14. Each exhibitor can purchase up to TWO (2) \$8 one-day admission tickets. They are to be purchased during registration. Tickets will be mailed to you in early July. They can be used by anyone and are non-refundable.
- 15. This competition will adhere to the State Rules of the California Department of Food & Agriculture Fairs & Expositions Branch. <u>State Rules for California Fairs</u>

For questions, please contact: California Mid-State Fair exhibits@midstatefair.com

The Judging is private and will take place Friday, May 2 Results to come Tuesday, May 6

ONLINE REGISTRATION DUE BY: FRIDAY, APRIL 18 ENTRY FEE: \$7.00 PER ENTRY

Enter on-line at http://cmsfw.fairwire.com/ Entry fees are non-refundable.

PHYSICAL WINE ENTRIES RECEIVED: MONDAY, APRIL 21 - FRIDAY, APRIL 25

DELIVERY/SHIPPING LOCATION

HOME WINE - Paso Robles Event Center 2198 Riverside Avenue Paso Robles, CA 93446

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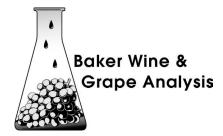
Blends: The primary varietal must be 75% or less

Division 3000 - Home Wine

Class

- I. Sparkling Wines
- **2.** Sauvignon Blanc
- **3.** Grenache Blanc
- 4. Viognier
- **5.** White Blend
- **6.** Chardonnay
- 7. Any Other White Varietal Please Specify
- 8. Rosé
- 9. Pinot Noir
- 10. Sangiovese
- II. Tempranillo
- 12. Grenache
- **13.** Merlot
- **14.** Malbec
- **15.** Mouvedre
- 16. Zinfandel/Primitivo
- **17.** Red Blend
- **18.** Any Other Red Varietal Please Specify
- 19. Syrah
- **20.** Cabernet Sauvignon
- **21.** Petite Verdot
- **22.** Petite Sirah
- 23. Any Grape Dessert Wine

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