



**2015 San Diego County Fair June 5 - July 5, Del Mar, California**

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## 2015 CALENDAR

### ENTRY ASSISTANCE

The Entry Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, to answer questions and provide assistance with entering. You can call (858) 792-4207 for help during these hours or email [entry@sdfair.com](mailto:entry@sdfair.com). Additionally, the Entry Office will be open for "Extended Hours" until 7:00pm on the following dates: Fridays, March 27 and April 3.

### Online Entry Registration Only!

**Deadline for Online Entry Registration is Friday, April 3.** All entry registration must be submitted online at [www.sdfair.com/entry](http://www.sdfair.com/entry) by 11:59pm (Pacific Time), Friday, April 3.

The processing fee is \$15.00 **per entry**. Processing fees are non-refundable.

**Delivery of Entries: Wednesday, April 8, Noon - 7:00pm.** Deliver to the Fairgrounds. Access is through Solana Gate off Via de la Valle. Upon receipt of the entry registration, a map of the entry delivery location will be sent via email.

**Award Ceremony and Exhibitor Tasting: Friday, June 5, 7:30pm - 9:30pm, at Surfside Race Place** at the San Diego County Fair. Only ticket holders will be admitted. It is important that email addresses and telephone numbers on your online entry registration are correct for contact purposes. Bottles will not be returned to exhibitors. Anyone under age **21** will not be permitted at this event. **No Exceptions!**

**Online Entry Registration at [www.sdfair.com/entry](http://www.sdfair.com/entry)**

**Read the entire brochure. Print a hard copy of this PDF for your reference.**



# CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

## What's New?

The judging is earlier this year, allowing for easier delivery of your wines, and enabling us to have our award ceremony on the first day of the Fair. This will allow us to display all of the winners in the Home and Hobby department for the entire run of the Fair.

We have revamped our division and class roster to reflect the growing number of wines being made by you, allowing for more awards to be given out. Take a close look when entering and be careful to select the proper class for your wine. Don't panic if you can't figure it out – we will take care of any reclassification necessary to ensure that your wine is judged in the best possible way. We look forward to judging and celebrating your wines!

## Who can enter?

All amateur winemakers 21 years or older. You may not enter if you are a professional winemaker or have applied for State or Federal licensing.

## How do I enter?

Online pre-registration is required. *No faxes. Late entries will not be accepted.*

- Online registration: Entries must be submitted at [www.sdfair.com/entry](http://www.sdfair.com/entry) by 11:59pm (Pacific Time) on Friday, April 3. Exhibitors will receive an email confirmation. Technical support **will not** be available after 7:00pm on the entry deadline date.
- Enter your information carefully and proofread to ensure accuracy.
- Contact the Entry Office if you do not receive a confirmation at your email address.

## Is there a Fee?

The processing fee is \$15.00 **per entry**. Processing fees are non-refundable.

## Is there a Limit?

There is no limit of entries per exhibitor.

## When is the Judging?

Saturday, April 18. **Closed Judging.**

## Where do I deliver my entry?

Deliver pre-registered entries Wednesday, April 8, between Noon and 7:00pm. Deliver to the Fairgrounds via Solana Gate. Please do not deliver wine chilled. Entries will be chilled prior to judging as appropriate. Upon receipt of the entry registration, a map of the entry delivery location will be sent via email.

**Shipping Instructions:** Shipped entries (wine bottles) must arrive at the San Diego County Fair Entry Office by April 8, 2015. Enclose a copy of your completed/paid online entry receipt. Fair passes and awards ceremony tickets will be mailed to you.

**Ship to:** San Diego County Fair Entry Office, Homemade Wine Dept., 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar, CA 92014

## What do I submit?

Each wine entry shall consist of two full standard 750ml wine bottles, labeled with exhibitor name, phone number, and bottle contents. Your proprietary label is fine, just add your name and phone number to it. Specially designed carafes, jars, bottles or containers will not be accepted. Partial bottles will be disqualified. Entries in class 29 - Port and dessert wine may be submitted in 375 ml bottles. **Single bottles will not be accepted as entries. No exceptions.**

## What is the judging procedure?

Judging will take place on Saturday, April 18, in a closed judging area. No entries will be accepted on this date. No recapping. Bottles will not be returned.

### What else do I need to know?

No entry will be accepted should the exhibitor describe conditions under which he/she will exhibit. The San Diego County Fair (22nd District Agricultural Association) will not be responsible for any loss or damage of any kind. The Local and State Rules apply to this Department. Copies are available at [sdfair.com/entry](http://sdfair.com/entry).

Note: Coordinator reserves the right to transfer an entry to the correct class/division.

**Contact Information:** If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, you are required to update this information with the Entry Office so we can contact you regarding awards.

### Exhibitor Awards Ceremony and Tasting:

Each entrant will receive **two** tickets to the Fair and **four** tickets to attend the awards ceremony and wine tasting. All wines entered in the contests will be available for tasting at the awards tasting event. Only ticket holders will be admitted. **No Exceptions. IMPORTANT:** During the online entry process, you will be requested to give the number of tickets needed for the tasting (**maximum of four**). The venue is the largest available on the Fairgrounds, and does have a maximum capacity. Tickets are for exhibitors and their guests only. There will be a check-in process at the event and the exhibitor must be present with his or her guest(s). Once we reach capacity, we cannot issue any more tickets.

## AWARDS

The San Diego County Fair offers medals (Gold, Silver and Bronze), as merited, for each class. In addition, ribbons (Blue, Red, and White) will be awarded to the top three scores in each class. Rosettes will be awarded to Division and Sweepstakes winners only.

**Division Winners:** The 1st place winners in each class will compete for Division honors.

**Sweepstakes Winners:** Winners of each wine Division will compete for Best of Show honors.

**The Russ St. Jean Award** - Offered for the most unique wine.

**The Leon Santoro Award** - Offered for the Best of Show wine.

**The Lum Eisenman Award** - Offered for the top scoring wine grown, produced and bottled in San Diego County.

**The Winemaker of the Year Award** - Offered to the winemaker with the best overall score for a minimum of 5 wines entered.

## WINE DIVISIONS - New this year!

### Class# BLENDED RED WINE - DIVISION 1411

- 1 Blended Red Bordeaux Varietals\*\*
- 2 Blended Red Italian Varietals\*\*
- 3 Blended Red Misc. Varietals Dry\*\*
- 4 Blended Red Misc. Varietals Medium Dry\*\*
- 5 Blended Red Misc. Varietals Med. Sweet\*\*
- 6 Blended Red Misc. Varietals Sweet\*\*
- 7 Blended Red Rhone Varietals\*\*
- 8 Blended Red Spanish Varietals\*\*

### Class# BLENDED WHITE WINE - DIVISION 1412

- 1 Blended White Bordeaux Varietals\*\*
- 2 Blended White Italian Varietals\*\*
- 3 Blended White Misc. Varietals Dry\*\*
- 4 Blended White Misc. Varietals Med. Dry\*\*
- 5 Blended White Misc. Varietals Med. Sweet\*\*
- 6 Blended White Misc. Varietals Sweet\*\*
- 7 Blended White Rhone Varietals\*\*
- 8 Blended White Spanish Varietals\*\*

### Class# DESSERT WINE - DIVISION 1413

- 1 Red Dessert Wines
- 2 White Dessert Wines
- 3 Fortified Red Wines (Port)
- 4 Fortified White Wines (Sherry)

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**Class# RED WINE - DIVISION 1414**

- 1 Aglianico
- 2 Alicante Bouschet
- 3 Barbera
- 4 Cabernet Franc
- 5 Cabernet Sauvignon
- 6 Carignane
- 7 Charbono (Bonarda)
- 8 Gamay (Valdiguie)
- 9 Grenache
- 10 Malbec
- 11 Merlot
- 12 Mourvedre (Mataro)
- 13 Nebbiolo
- 14 Petit Verdot
- 15 Petite Sirah
- 16 Pinot Noir
- 17 Sagrantino
- 18 Sangiovese
- 19 Syrah
- 20 Tempranillo
- 21 Teroldego
- 22 Zinfandel
- 23 Other Red Varietals\*

**Class# ROSE WINE - DIVISION 1415**

- 1 Rosé Dry
- 2 Rosé Medium Dry
- 3 Rosé Medium Sweet
- 4 Rosé Sweet

**Class# SPARKLING WINE - DIVISION 1416**

- 1 Blanc De Blanc
- 2 Blanc De Noir
- 3 Brut
- 4 Brut Zero
- 5 Demi Sec
- 6 Doux
- 7 Extra Dry
- 8 Flavored
- 9 Rosé
- 10 Sweet

**Class# WHITE WINE - DIVISION 1417**

- 1 Albariño
- 2 Arneis
- 3 Chardonnay
- 4 Chenin Blanc
- 5 Gewurztraminer
- 6 Grenache Blanc
- 7 Gruner Veltliner
- 8 Malvasia Bianca
- 9 Marsanne
- 10 Muscat
- 11 Pinot Blanc
- 12 Pinot Grigio

- 13 Pinot Gris
- 14 Riesling Dry
- 15 Riesling Medium Dry
- 16 Riesling Medium Sweet
- 17 Riesling Sweet
- 18 Roussanne
- 19 Sauvignon Blanc
- 20 Semillion
- 21 Symphony
- 22 Verdelho
- 23 Vermentino
- 24 Viognier
- 25 Other White Varietals\*

**Class# FRUIT WINE - DIVISION 1418**

- 1 Fruit with stone-Dry
- 2 Fruit non-stone-Dry
- 3 Fruit with stone-Sweet
- 4 Fruit non-stone-Sweet
- 5 Blended Fruit – Dry\*\*
- 6 Blended Fruit – Sweet \*\*

\*For other varietal wines, state type of varietal.

\*\*For blended wines, state percentage of blend.

For purposes of categorizing wines correctly, the following guidelines apply:

**Dry** = less than 0.6% RS (Riesling less than 1% RS)

**Medium Dry** = 0.6 – 1.49% RS (Riesling 1% - 1.49%)

**Medium Sweet** = 1.5 - 4.9% RS

**Sweet** = 5% RS and above

**Sparkling Wines** should be designated by their label name when present.

Winemaker selected codes are generally honored. The Director reserves the right to reclassify a wine that is mis-categorized to allow the best possible showing of the wine.

## LABEL DESIGN COMPETITION

### Who can enter?

Every contestant in the Homemade Wine contest is automatically entered in the Label Design Competition.

### Judging Criteria

Judges will vote for their favorite labels at the end of the wine judging on April 18.

**Awards:** The top five vote recipients will receive ribbons as appropriate.