



2021 Entry Handbook



The Central Coast Wine Competition (CCWC) is the largest wine evaluation event that recognizes wines produced exclusively from vinifera grown on the Central Coast regions of California. This event promotes the excellent quality and diversity of commercial wineries and grape growers while recognizing the fastest growing wine regions in California.

Lead Organization - California Mid-State Fair
Chief Judge Tim McDonald, Napa, CA

GENERAL RULES

1. To qualify for entry in the 2021 Central Coast Wine Competition, 75% of the grapes used to produce the wines must have been harvested within the eligible grape growing regions.
2. **ELIGIBLE GRAPE GROWING REGIONS:** The Central Coast AVA includes from north to south: Alameda, Contra Costa (including all of Contra Costa County), Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties. This competition also includes wines made from grapes grown in Ventura County.
3. All entries must be registered through the official online registration: <http://cmsfw.fairmanager.com> and must reach the Fair office on or before the entry closing.
4. After an entry is submitted, the entry fee will not be refunded.
5. The judge's decision is final and determines all awards.
6. The same wine (although marketed under different labels) may not be entered in more than one category. However, a winery may submit multiple entries in the same category.
7. An official entry consists of (4) 750 ml bottles or (6) 375 ml bottles. Competition reserves the right to request additional bottles of award-winning wines for display purposes.
8. Any wine delivered by mail, freight, or express must be prepaid. No entry will be accepted for which carrier charges have not been prepaid. All entries become the property of the competition.
9. The CCWC, management and staff are not responsible for errors in entries. No winery shall be entitled to an award for which has been disallowed on the basis of the producer's error.
10. Wineries/ Entries found in violation of rules or ethical practices will forfeit awards and other privileges deemed appropriate by the Central Coast Wine Competition Management and the Chief Judge.
11. Wines entered must be available for commercial sale.
12. **Please identify in large legible letters, the name of the winery on the outside of each case. The outside of the case is also to be labeled CCWC. No wines will be accepted for which carrier charges have not been prepaid. Attach Packing List to outside of case highlighting specific entries inside.**
13. This competition will adhere to the State Rules of the California Department of Food & Agriculture Fairs & Expositions Branch. [State Rules for California Fairs](#)

***REMINDER** - ALL ENTRIES ARE TO BE SENT OR DELIVERED WITH PACKING LIST ATTACHED TO OUTSIDE OF CASE TO THE PASO ROBLES EVENT CENTER.

EARLY BIRD ONLINE REGISTRATION TILL FRIDAY, MAY 21

ENTRY FEE: \$65 PER WINE

LAST CALL ONLINE REGISTRATION TILL FRIDAY, MAY 28

ENTRY FEE: \$85 PER WINE

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

WINE ENTRIES RECEIVED: TUESDAY, JUNE 1 – THURSDAY, JUNE 10

NO Saturday or Sunday Delivery

Shipping/Deliveries: CCWC – Paso Robles Event Center

2198 Riverside Ave

Paso Robles, CA 93446

Exhibits@midstatefair.com

Division 2000 - Wine

Classes

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| 1. Sparkling-Methode
Champenoise, Charmat or
Other Process | 23. Grenache Rose | 48. Syrah - Prior to '18 and
Non-Vintage |
| 2. Albarino | 24. Mouvedre Rose | 49. Syrah - 2018 |
| 3. Chardonnay - Prior to '18
and Non-Vintage | 25. Other Varietal Rose | 50. Syrah - 2019 and 2020 |
| 4. Chardonnay – 2018 | 26. Pinot Noir Rose | 51. Tempranillo |
| 5. Chardonnay - 2019 and
2020 | 27. Sangiovese Rose | 52. Zinfandel - Prior to '18 and
Non-Vintage |
| 6. No Oak Chardonnay | 28. Syrah Rose | 53. Zinfandel - 2018 |
| 7. Gewurztraminer | 29. Tempranillo Rose | 54. Zinfandel - 2019 and 2020 |
| 8. Pinot Gris/Grigio | 30. Zinfandel Rose (inc White
Zin) | 55. Pinot Meunier |
| 9. Riesling - Dry | 31. Any Rose Blends | 56. Tannat |
| 10. Riesling - Off Dry | 32. Barbera | 57. Bordeaux Blends (Meritage) |
| 11. Sauvignon Blanc | 33. Cabernet Franc | 58. Grenache Based Blends |
| 12. Grenache Blanc | 34. Cabernet Sauvignon - Prior
to '18 and Non-Vintage | 59. Sangiovese Based Blends |
| 13. Roussanne | 35. Cabernet Sauvignon – 2018 | 60. Syrah Based Blends |
| 14. Viognier | 36. Cabernet Sauvignon - 2019
and 2020 | 61. Zinfandel Based Blends |
| 15. Other White Rhones | 37. Grenache | 62. Cabernet Based Blends |
| 16. White Rhone Blends | 38. Malbec | 63. Other Rhone Style Blends |
| 17. White Blends (Other than
Rhones) | 39. Merlot | 64. Other Italian Style Blends |
| 18. Other White Wines-
dry(.7% RS or less) | 40. Mourvedre | 65. Sweet Reds and Sweet Red
Blends |
| 19. Other White Wines-off dry
to sweet (.7% RS or more) | 41. Petite Sirah | 66. Any Other Red Blends |
| 20. Gruner Vetliner | 42. Petit Verdot | 67. Any Other Red Varietals |
| 21. Marsanne | 43. Pinot Noir - Prior to '18
and Non-Vintage | 68. Dessert Whites |
| 22. Cabernet Sauvignon Rose | 44. Pinot Noir - 2018 | 69. Dessert Reds |
| | 45. Pinot Noir - 2019 and 2020 | 70. Fortified Desserts |
| | 46. Primitivo | 71. Served in a Can – Wine
Based |
| | 47. Sangiovese | |

For more information about the 2021 CCWC judges, please visit the CCWC blog at <https://centralcoastwinecomp.com/judge-bios/>

MEDALS (AWARDS)

The judges shall award all medals. Wines will be considered for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in their respective classes as well as “Best of Class”, Best White, Red, Dessert, Sparkling, Rose and “Best of Show.” “Best of Class” awards will be awarded to one wine from among the gold medal winners in each class to wines of exceptional merit. The decisions set forth by the Judges will be final. Additional awards may be given to outstanding entries from Contra Costa, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara for fair display purposes. All Gold medal wines will be scored on a point system. Winners will receive both a point score and medal.

Best of Show is awarded to one wine recognized to possess special characteristics of the highest quality.

Best White, Pink, Red, Dessert and Sparkling Wine is awarded from the Best of Class winners.

Best of Class is awarded to wines that exhibit the highest quality in their respective categories. Best of Class wines will receive a “descriptive on the merits of the wine” from the judging panel to be used by the fair and producer for publicity purposes.

Gold Medal is awarded to a wine that demonstrates its type and/or varietal character, balance, structure, and complexities to the highest standards.

Silver Medal is awarded to a wine reflecting the correct distribution of balance and character of its type or variety; a wine deemed to be well crafted and of excellent quality.

Bronze Medal is awarded to a wine that is true to its type or variety; a wine deemed to be well crafted and of good quality.

Sweepstakes Award is awarded to the winery with the highest placing wines in the competition. To be eligible a winery must enter a minimum of five wines. The winery will receive a special award as the "Winery of the year" for CCWC.

2011 – Hearst Ranch Winery

2021 – J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines

2013 - Eberle Winery

2014 – Hope Family Wines

2015 – Cass Winery

2016 – Robert Hall Winery

2017 – Halter Ranch

2018 – Cass Winery

2019 – Halter Ranch

2020 – Cass Winery

2021 - ????

Food & Beverage Packaging Competition

The Food & Packaging competition is a competition based on the following categories: Most Evocative of the Central Coast, Modern Classic, Untraditional Modern Design, Artistic Brand Series
Best of Show, gold, silver and bronze medals

Entry in this competition is automatic by entry into the Central Coast Wine Competition and requires no additional fee or entry information.

Central Coast Wine Competition
Entry Checklist

- Complete the online registration. <http://cmsfw.fairmanager.com/>
- Be sure to provide individuals name, title, and phone number to be contacted in case there are any questions, errors, or shipping problems.
- Early Bird Online Entry Registration Due by Friday, May 21 \$65 per Entry
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- Entries will be accepted between dates of Tuesday, June 1 and Thursday, June 10
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Judging – June 15 – 17, 2021

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For questions, please contact:
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