

34TH ANNUAL El Dorado County Fair OPEN WINE COMPETITION

Entry forms and wine received at Fair Office:

Last Call Entries Due by May 10, 2023

Monday thru Friday 9am to 4pm

Judging: Friday, May 19 at 9am (*not open to the public*)

CASUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION
WITH LIGHT APPETIZERS AND WINE TASTING

FRIDAY, MAY 19 AT 6PM FOLLOWING JUDGING

Purchase tickets at Fair office or on entry form

(\$15 per person for participating wineries)

Open to All Commercial Wineries

Thirty prestigious experts from around the country come together to judge these wines each year. Each panel consists of one judge from each industry: Education (winemaker, enologist, professor), Media (newspaper, blog, radio), Wine Sales (Restaurant, Retail, Hospitality).

No cash awards • Medals only

Early Bird Entry: \$45 per wine.

Forms due April 22nd, wine by May 10th.

Last Call: \$55 per wine.

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Entries become the property of El Dorado County Fair and will not be returned. Judges will award Double Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze, as well as Special Awards (*listed to the right*).

All wines received will be stored in a temperature-controlled room prior to judging.

Wine must be bottled under bond by commercial winery.

Entries must be commercially labeled.

Barrel samples are **NOT** allowed.

Each entry consists of four (4) bottles of wine (750 ml),

five (5) bottles of wine (500 ml), or five (5) bottles of wine (375 ml).

STATE RULES APPLY

100 Placerville Drive, Placerville, CA 95667

Phone: 530-621-5860 • Fax: 530-295-2566

Email: fair@eldoradocountyfair.org

Rules and additional forms are available

at eldoradocountyfair.org/commercial-wine.html

Special Awards

BEST OF SHOW

GOLDEN JOHNNY TROPHIES

for the Best of Show red wine,

Best of Show white wine and

Best of Show sweet wine

BEST OF CLASS

awarded to classes with 10 or more entries
that also include a Gold award or higher.

Unique to El Dorado County Fair:

BACK ROOM GOLD AWARDS

Best Zinfandel, best red wine and best

white wine awarded by Back Room

staff, a true "People's Choice" award.

BEST RHONE AWARDS

Best red Rhone and best white Rhone

BEST BARBERA AWARD

BIODYNAMIC, ORGANIC (EARTH FRIENDLY)

Best red wine and best white wine.

FRANK HERBERT MEMORIAL AWARD

A perpetual award, sponsored by the

El Dorado Wine Grape Growers Association,

is offered for the best Zinfandel wine made

from El Dorado or Fairplay appellation Grapes.

EL DORADO WINE GRAPE GROWERS AWARD

A special award, sponsored by the *El Dorado Wine*

Grape Growers Association for the best commercial

wine produced from El Dorado or Fairplay

Appellation grapes. This award will be presented to

both the winery and the vineyard.

BEST OF EL DORADO: WINEMAKING

A special award offered for the best wine *produced*

and bottled by a winery in El Dorado County.

BEST OF AMADOR: WINEMAKING

A special award offered for the best wine *produced*

and bottled by a winery in Amador County.

BEST OF PLACER: WINEMAKING

A special award offered for the best wine *produced*

and bottled by a winery in Placer County.

BEST OF LODI: WINEMAKING

A special award offered for the best wine *produced*

and bottled by a winery in the Lodi area.

BEST OF NEVADA CO: WINEMAKING

A special award offered for the best wine *produced*

and bottled by a winery in Nevada County.

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Sparkling Wine

1. Brut, Blanc de Blanc, Blanc de Noir \$10 & higher*
2. All Other \$10 and higher (Fruit, Moscato, etc.)*
3. Any Sparkling under \$10

White Wine

4. Sauvignon Blanc
5. Pinot Gris/Pinot Grigio
6. Chardonnay under \$10.00
7. Chardonnay \$10.00 to \$16.00
8. Chardonnay \$16.01 and higher
9. Riesling
10. Viognier
11. Marsanne/Roussanne*
12. Semillon
13. Chenin Blanc
14. Other White Rhone Varietal*
15. White Rhone Blend – 70%*
16. Other White Wine under \$10*
17. Other White Wine \$10 and higher*
18. White Blend*

Non-Grape Fruit Wine

19. Any Wine (please specify fruit)

Rosé Wine

20. Rhone Rosé*
21. Dry Rosé - .9% RS or lower
22. Rosé -1% RS or higher

Rhone Wine Description

Wines entered in these categories must contain 70% of one or more of the following Rhone Cepages:

Syrah	Roussanne	Mourvedre
Cinsault	Grenache	Muscardin
Counoise	Bourboulenc	Marsanne
Vaccarese	Viognier	Clairette
Terret Noir	Petite Sirah	Carignane

Red Wine

23. Pinot Noir
24. Zinfandel \$20.00 and under
25. Zinfandel \$20.01 to \$30.00
26. Zinfandel \$30.01 and higher
27. Old Vine Zinfandel
28. Primitivo
29. Sangiovese
30. Barbera \$20.00 and under
31. Barbera \$20.01 and higher
32. Nebbiolo
33. Italian Red Blend* or other Italian Red Varietal*
34. Syrah \$22.00 and under
35. Syrah \$22.01 to \$27.00
36. Syrah \$27.01 and higher
37. Petite Sirah \$20.00 and under
38. Petite Sirah \$20.01 to \$25.00
39. Petite Sirah \$25.01 and higher
40. Mourvèdre
41. Other Red Rhone Varietal*
42. Red Rhone Blend*
43. Merlot \$10 and under
44. Merlot \$10 to \$16
45. Merlot \$16.01 and higher
46. Cabernet Sauvignon \$10.00 and under
47. Cabernet Sauvignon \$10.01 to \$20
48. Cabernet Sauvignon \$20.01 to \$30.00
49. Cabernet Sauvignon \$30.01 and higher
50. Cabernet Franc
51. Petit Verdot
52. Malbec under \$10
53. Malbec \$10 and higher
54. Bordeaux Blend*
Must be two or more of the following varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Malbec, Saint Macaire, Gross Verdot and Carménère (please specify)
55. Tempranillo
56. Other Varietal Red Wine*
57. Cabernet Sauvignon Based Blends*
58. Zinfandel Based Blends*
59. Other Red Blends under \$10*
60. Other Red Blends \$10 and higher*

Sweet Wines

61. White Dessert \$10 and higher*
62. Red Dessert \$10 and higher*
63. Port//Fortified Wine \$10 and higher*
64. Other Dessert \$10 and higher*
65. Any Sweet/Dessert under \$10*

*Please specify varietal or blend and percentages