

35TH ANNUAL El Dorado County Fair OPEN WINE COMPETITION

Entry forms and wine received at Fair Office:

Last Call Entries Due by March 11, 2024

Monday thru Friday 9am to 4pm

Judging: Friday, March 22 at 9am (*not open to the public*)

**CASUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION
WITH LIGHT APPETIZERS AND WINE TASTING
FRIDAY, MARCH 22 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 February 19, wine by March 11.**

**Last Call: \$55 per wine.
Entry forms and wine due by March 11.**

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
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 that 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

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 GRAPEGROWERS 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.

BEST OF SONOMA CO: WINEMAKING
A special award offered for the best wine *produced
and bottled* by a winery in Sonoma County.

BEST OF NAPA CO: WINEMAKING
A special award offered for the best wine *produced
and bottled* by a winery in Napa County.

BEST OF SAN LUIS OBISPO CO: WINEMAKING
A special award offered for the best wine *produced
and bottled* by a winery in SLO County.