

Placer County Wine & Grape Association

2016 Home Winemaker's Competition

WINE COMPETITION RULES AND INFORMATION DEADLINE FOR WINE ENTRIES: October 18, 2016

Eligibility

The 11th Annual Home Winemaker's Competition is open to members of the Placer County Wine & Grape Association, as well as other home winemakers in the surrounding area. Competition rules and instructions are also available on the web at www.pcwga.org. If you have questions, please contact Rob Pock at 530-320-1277.

Entries are limited to wines produced by amateur winemakers. An amateur is considered 1) a person who does not work in a professional wine producing capacity, or 2) a person who is not an owner of a commercial winery.

How to Enter

You may enter as many wines as you like. An entry is defined as one (1) 750 milliliter bottle. For sparkling wines, an additional bottle (at least 375 ml) is recommended to maintain the sparkle for later judging rounds.

Each wine entered must include a loose registration form. Make copies as needed. Please print your name clearly. Each bottle must have an entry label attached by glue or tape. Make copies as needed.

If entering several wines of the same year and varietal, designate a different lot number for each wine (i.e., 2010 Syrah Lot A, 2010 Syrah Lot B, etc.).

Entry Fee

Entry fee is \$10.00 per bottle for PCWGA members. Entry fee for non-members is \$20.00 per bottle. Two bottle entries also include a complementary membership to the PCWGA. Registration forms, fees, and wine must be received together. Please use appropriate packaging. Make one check for all entries payable to PCWGA.

Entry Dates

All wines must be received beginning October 10th through October 18th, 2016. The competition takes place on Thursday October 20th, 2016.

Where to Enter

Wines with bottle labels attached may be delivered with entry form(s) and fees to:

Rock Hill Winery

2970 Del Mar Avenue, Loomis, CA 95650

Friday, Saturday and Sundays 12-5

Earlier in the week, call Don DuPont at 916-410-7105 to arrange drop off.

Awards and Results

Each table of judges will consist of a commercial wine maker, a consumer, and a professional in the wine industry. Results and awards will be announced at the PCWGA Home Winemaker's BBQ at Rock Hill Winery on October 22nd (please visit our Web site for information and tickets), and published on our Web site. Ribbons will be awarded at the event to Gold, Silver and Bronze award winners. Best of Classes will be awarded. Awards not picked up the day of the event may be picked up at a later PCWGA meeting (see Web site for calendar). Awards will not be mailed.

Wine Classification and Rules

Classify your wine according to the division and classes listed. Improperly classified wines will be reclassified per the discretion of the Chief Judge.

1. A varietal wine must be made from at least 75% of that varietal.
2. Miscellaneous varietals and/or blends will be grouped in "like" flights.

DIVISION 1 – White Wine

Class 1 Chenin Blanc

Class 2 Sauvignon Blanc

Class 3 Chardonnay

Class 4 Viognier

Class 5 Other Whites and blends

DIVISION 2 – Red Wine

Class 1 Pinot Noir

Class 2 Sangiovese

Class 3 Merlot

Class 4 Zinfandel

Class 5 Petite Sirah

Class 6 Cabernet Franc

Class 7 Barbera

Class 8 Syrah

Class 9 Cabernet Sauvignon

Class 10 Primitivo

Class 11 Malbec

Class 12 Grenache

Class 13 Tempranillo

Class 14 Other Reds (please specify)

Class 15 Red Blends (please specify)

DIVISION 3 – Blush/Rose Wine

Class 1 Rose (dry) – specify varietal and/or blend

Class 2 Rose (semi-sweet) – specify varietal and/or blend and residual sugar level

DIVISION 4 – Sparkling Wines

Class 1 Sparkling Wine – specify varietal and/or blend and residual sugar level

DIVISION 5 – Fruit/Exotic Wines

Class 1 Seed Fruit – specify variety, blend and residual sugar level

Class 2 Stone Fruit – specify variety, blend and residual sugar level

Class 3 Berry – specify variety, blend and residual sugar level

Class 4 Other - specify variety, blend and residual sugar level

DIVISION 6 – Dessert Wines

Class 1 > 3% Residual Sugar non-fortified – specify varietal and/or type and R.S. level

Class 2 Fortified Wine - specify varietal and/or type and R.S. level