



2007 SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FAIR WINE COMPETITION

The 2007 Santa Barbara County Fair Wine Competition will be on May 2, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel, in Santa Maria. Following is the timetable, rules, and instructions for entering and the wine classification system. The entry form for the competition is provided at the end of this document.

Important Dates

- February 2007 Entry forms will be available at or from the following places: the Santa Barbara County Fair's administration office, the Wine Competition staff or the Wine Competition website. Completed forms and entry fees should be returned to the Santa Maria Fairpark Administration Office.
- March 2007 Wine Competition website will be updated.
<http://sbwinecompetition.com/>
- April 17, 2007 ENRTY FORMS DUE!
- April 20, 2007 Three bottles of each Main Category wine entry and two bottles of each Golden Cellar entry must be delivered to Santa Maria Fairpark, 937 South Thornburg, Santa Maria, CA 93458, no later than 5p.m.
- May 2, 2007 WINE COMPETITION
9:00a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Located at the Radisson Hotel, 3455 Skyway Drive Santa Maria
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch for Competition Judges and Volunteers.
1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Best of Competition Rounds
- May 2, 2007 Reception
3:15 p.m. Reception for competition participants and Media.
Awards will be posted on the website, emailed, mailed and printed in local papers. Medal/trophies will be delivered soon thereafter.
- July 11-15, 2007 116th Annual Santa Barbara County Fair
Award-winning wines will be poured for wine aficionados and interested fairgoers. This will be located in the Wine Competition tent at the Fair.
Wineries with award-winning wines will be asked to donate one case of at least one medal-winning wine. You are welcomed to provide literature about your wines, wineries, cellar club, etc.

Eligibility and Rules for Entry

1. Wines submitted must be commercially available.
2. The wine must be labeled with one of the following Appellation of Origin: Santa Barbara County (SBC), Santa Maria Valley (SMV), Santa Ynez Valley (SYV), or Santa Rita Hills (SRH). Wines submitted must be commercially available.
3. Wines that are made from grapes grown from within the county but are crushed, fermented, aged or bottled outside the county may be entered, as long as they are labeled as outlined in rule #1
4. There is no minimum case production for eligibility.
5. Wine must be legal for sale.
6. Wines submitted for judging will be separated into two categories, Main and Golden Wine Cellar:

Main Category

Current vintages – those from the four preceding vintages – will be accepted (for example, in the 2007 Wine Competition, Main Category wines are from 2005, 2004 and 2003. 2006 wines are generally still in barrel, but may be entered.

Golden Wine Cellar

Wines before 2001 (vintage 2001 and before). The Golden Cellar celebrates vintners who produce great local wines that can age.

7. Three bottles of each wine must be donated. One bottle will be for the initial tasting, one bottle will be available for the “Best of” rounds and one bottle will be retained in case one of the first two is corked or deemed “off”.

Only two bottles are needed for the Golden Wine Cellar category.

** If you should need additional information, please contact Bob Manning or Chris Shumey at:

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How To Enter

Note: Your completed entry form and entry fees are due no later than April 17, 2007.

Decide how many wines you would like to enter into the Wine Competition. Each entry requires only 3 three bottles of wine and wine can be entered from any vintage date. Those from 2001 or before require only a two bottles for submission and will be tasted separately for the Golden Cellar. Multiple submissions are suggested and encouraged, and will increase your chances of receiving gold, silver, bronze and “Best of “ awards.

Fill out the Wine Competition entry form for each wine:

1. In the *Class Number* column, enter the number from the classification tables (for example, Cabernet Franc would be class 303-307 depending on year.)
2. In the *Appellation* column, write the appellation for the wine. Again, this must be from Santa Barbara County, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Ynez Valley or Santa Rita Hills.
3. In the *Brand Name* column, write the name under which that wine is sold – this is usually the name of the winery.
4. If the wine is *Vineyard Designated*, enter the vineyard designation in the appropriate column or leave blank if the wine has no vineyard designation.
5. In the *Varietal/Proprietary Name*, write the name of the varietal or if the wine is not a single varietal, write the name of the wine.
6. Enter the *Vintage Date* (the year in which the wine was picked and crushed).
7. Enter the level of *Residual Sugar* or leave blank for dry wines.
8. Continue to fill in a line for each wine you are entering. If you are entering more than 10 wines, please make additional copies of the form.
9. Fill in the *Winery Information* on the bottom of the Entry Form as completely as you can. If you would like a website or email address to accompany your profile, please include it. We will also be listing participating wineries on the Wine Competition website, along with your logo and a link to your website. Remember, this will be available to the media and to the public. Please make sure to include a Contact Person and a Telephone Number.
10. Calculate the amount of the entry fees due. There is a \$30.00 fee for each wine entered.
11. Make a copy of the Entry Form for your records.
12. Mail the Entry Form and your check (payable to Santa Maria Fairpark) and your wine to:
Santa Barbara County Fair Wine Competition
Santa Maria Fairpark
937 S. Thornburg
Santa Maria, CA 93458

Wines may be hand delivered to the Fairpark Administrative offices.

Your wine must arrive no later than 5p.m. April 20, 2007

All wines will be cellared together.

Wine Classes

(Please use these classifications on the Wine Competition Entry Form)

Sparkling Wines:

- 200 Non-Vintage
- 250 Vintage

Red Wines

- 301 Barbera, Vintage 2003 or younger
- 302 Barbera, Vintage 2002 or older
- 303 Cabernet Franc, Vintage 2005 or younger
- 304 Cabernet Franc, Vintage 2004
- 305 Cabernet Franc, Vintage 2003
- 306 Cabernet Franc, Vintage 2002
- 307 Cabernet Franc, Vintage 2001 or older
- 308 Cabernet Sauvignon, Vintage 2005
- 309 Cabernet Sauvignon, Vintage 2005
- 310 Cabernet Sauvignon, Vintage 2004
- 311 Cabernet Sauvignon, Vintage 2003
- 312 Cabernet Sauvignon, Vintage 2002
- 313 Cabernet Sauvignon, Vintage 2001
- 314 Cabernet Sauvignon, Vintage 2000 or older
- 334 Grenache, Vintage 2005 or younger
- 335 Grenache, Vintage 2004
- 336 Grenache, Vintage 2003
- 337 Grenache, Vintage 2002 or older
- 340 Merlot, Vintage 2005 or younger
- 341 Merlot, Vintage 2004
- 342 Merlot, Vintage 2003
- 343 Merlot, Vintage 2002
- 344 Merlot, Vintage 2001 or older
- 350 Mourvedre, Vintage 2005 or younger
- 351 Mourvedre, Vintage 2004
- 353 Mourvedre, Vintage 2003 or older
- 360 Nebbiolo, Vintage 2003 or younger
- 361. Nebbiolo, Vintage 2002 or older
- 370 Pinot Noir, Vintage 2005 or younger
- 371 Pinot Noir, Vintage 2004
- 372 Pinot Noir, Vintage 2003
- 373 Pinot Noir, Vintage 2002
- 374 Pinot Noir, Vintage 2001 or older
- 380 Sangiovese, Vintage 2004 or younger
- 381 Sangiovese, Vintage 2003
- 383 Sangiovese, Vintage 2002 or older

- 390 Syrah / Shiraz, Vintage 2005 or younger
- 391 Syrah / Shiraz, Vintage 2004
- 392 Syrah / Shiraz, Vintage 2003

- 393 Syrah / Shiraz, Vintage 2002
- 394 Syrah / Shiraz, Vintage 2001 or older
- 400 Tempranillo, Vintage 2005 or younger
- 401 Tempranillo, Vintage 2004
- 403 Tempranillo, Vintage 2003 or older
- 410 Meritage, Vintage 2005 or younger (must say "Meritage" on the label)
- 411 Meritage, Vintage 2004
- 412 Meritage, Vintage 2003 or older
- 415 Dry Red Table Wines (Non Varietal Labels, other than Meritage types)
- 416 Cabernet Sauvignon / Bordeaux Blends
- 417 Cabernet Sauvignon / Syrah (Shiraz) Blends
- 418 Sweet Red Table Wine (above 0.7% residual sugar)
- 419 Italian Style Blend 2005 or younger
- 420 Italian Style Blend 2004 or older
- 421 Rhone Style Blend 2005 or younger
- 422 Rhone Style Blend 2004 or older
- 423 All other red varietal wines not otherwise listed

White Wines:

- 450 Chardonnay, Vintage 2005 or younger
- 451 Chardonnay, Vintage 2004
- 452 Chardonnay, Vintage 2003
- 453 Chardonnay, Vintage 2002 or older
- 460 Chenin Blanc, Dry (0 to 1% residual)
- 455 Gewurztraminer, Dry (0 to .7% residual sugar)
- 456 Gewurztraminer (.71 to 3% residual sugar)
- 457 White Riesling, Dry (0 to .7% residual sugar)
- 458 White Riesling, (.71 to 3% residual sugar)
- 459 White Riesling (3 to 6% residual sugar) also see Late Harvest category
- 465 Marsanne, all vintages
- 466 Muscat, all vintages
- 467 Pinot Blanc, all vintages
- 468 Pinot Gris / Pinot Grigio
- 469 Rousanne, all vintages
- 470 Sauvignon Blanc, Dry, Vintage 2005 or younger
- 471 Sauvignon Blanc, Dry, Vintage 2004
- 472 Sauvignon Blanc, Dry, Vintage 2003
- 473 Sauvignon Blanc, Dry, Vintage 2002 or older
- 474 Sauvignon Blanc, Sweet (.71% to 3 residual sugar).
- 475 Semillon, Dry
- 476 Viognier
- 477 White Meritage (any combination of Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and / or Muscadelle in which no variety is more than 75% of the total blend)
- 478 Dry white Table Wine Blends (Non Varietal Labels, other than Meritage types), (0 to .7% residual sugar)

- 479 White Table Wine Blends (Non Varietal labels, other than Meritage Types) (.71 to 3% residual sugar)
- 480 Sweet white Table Blends (Non Varietal) (3 to 6% residual sugar).
- 481 Semillon / Chardonnay Blends
- 482 Rhone Blends - White
- 483 Chardonnay / Sauvignon Blanc Blends
- 484 All other white varietal wines not otherwise listed (0 to .7% residual sugar)
- 485 All other white varietal wines not otherwise listed (.71 to 3% residual sugar)
- 486 All other white varietal wines not otherwise listed (3 to 6% residual sugar). See also Late Harvest category.

Blush and / or Rosé Wines

- 601 Blush Wines (generic)
- 602 Grenache Rosé
- 603 Rosé (Non Varietal Label)
- 604 Rosé, Italian Style
- 605 Rosé, Rhone Style
- 606 Rosé (Varietal), not listed

Dessert / Port / Late Harvest Wines

- 620 Port / All other varietal Dessert Port / Late Harvest wines not listed above
- 621 Late Harvest wines not listed

If there is no perfect classification for a wine that you would like to enter, use the closest classification possible, and we will make sure it is tasted in the correct company. We will also separate vintages that are not separated in the catalogs by vintage, and pour them in their own flights.



Santa Barbara County Fair Wine Competition

Winery Name: _____

Winery Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Comments or Questions: _____

Please mail or drop off completed form with a check payable to Santa Maria Fairpark,
937 S. Thornburg Santa Maria, CA 93458

Entries must be received by April 17, 2007.

Wines are to be shipped or delivered to the Santa Maria Fairpark Administration office, no
later than April 20, 2007.

2007 SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WINE COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

ENTRY#	CLASS#	APPELLATION	BRAND NAME	VINEYARD DESIGNATION	VARIETAL/PROPIETARY NAME	VINTAGE DATE	% RESIDUAL SUGAR
1							
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OF WINES ENTERED _____ X \$30 PER ENTRY = _____