



# Alameda County Amateur Wine Competition Rules & Entry Information March 10, 2025

White Wines, Red Wines, Non-Grape, and Dessert

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 PER WINE

ENTRY DEADLINE: February 21, 2025

ENTER ONLINE:

<https://enofileonline.com/landing.aspx?competitionID=3038>

OR VISIT

<https://annual.alamedacountyfair.com/competitions/>

Email entry forms to:

[wine@alamedacountyfair.com](mailto:wine@alamedacountyfair.com)

Or Mail to:

Alameda County Fair  
Attn: Amateur Wine Competition  
4501 Pleasanton Avenue  
Pleasanton, CA 94566

QUESTIONS?

Please contact: Patty Cuellar, Wine Coordinator  
[Wine@AlamedaCountyFair.com](mailto:Wine@AlamedaCountyFair.com)  
925-426-7611

## INFO FOR ONLINE ENTRIES:

If entering your wines online, please keep in mind this program is used for commercial wine competitions also. They will require information you may not have. Please use the following examples of what to enter if a field is required:

- Brand/Winery Name – Use your name or make up a name you would use if you had a winery.
- Residual Sugar – If you are not sure, please put an estimate.
- Retail Price – Enter a price you would like to sell your wine for.
- Alcohol Percentage – If you do not know please enter an estimate.



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## WINE DELIVERY / DROP OFF OPTIONS:

Alameda County Fairgrounds:  
Please deliver 2 bottles of wine  
along with entry and contact  
information to:

Alameda County Fair  
Attn: Amateur Wine Competition  
4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566  
Mon. - Fri. 9am - 4pm

Wine must be received by 4pm March 7, 2025  
You may deliver your wine to our  
Administration Building located off  
Pleasanton Ave. on  
Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> ONLY from 9am to Noon

Wine must already be entered at [Enofileonline.com](http://Enofileonline.com) or paper entry  
received by Friday, February 21, 2025

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## Drop Spots Available JAN 10- FEB 21:

MORE BEER! & MORE WINE  
995 DETROIT AVE STE G CONCORD CA 94518  
10am- 6pm Mon. - Fri.  
10a- 5pm Sat. & Sun.  
(925)771-7107

OAK BARREL WINECRAFT  
1443 SAN PABLO AVE BERKELEY CA 94702  
10am- 4pm Mon. - Sat. Closed Sun. (510)849-0400

LODI WINE LAB  
710 S BECKMAN RD STE A LODI CA 95240  
9am- 5pm Mon. - Fri. Closed Sat & Sun  
(209)339-1990



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Competition Rules (All State and Local Rules Apply)

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- LIMITATIONS:** a. Competition is open to all California amateur winemakers over 21 years of age on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. b. An amateur winemaker chooses winemaking as a hobby. The amateur winemaker will not have a degree in enology, work in a winery in a winemaking capacity, and no part of his/her livelihood is derived from commercial wine production. c. Fair management and/or judges may reclassify entries. d. A varietal must consist of 75% of the named grape. A blend is less than 75% of a particular varietal. Please list each varietal and the % of that varietal. When entering online, there is a Category called "Grape Variety" to list this information.
- BOTTLING:** a. Wines are to be bottled and labeled in 750 ml or 375 ml bottles. b. Exhibitors must bring/ship/drop TWO bottles of each wine variety entered. Each bottle must have a label affixed to it with exhibitor's name, contact information, variety, division, class, and 'Alameda County Fair Amateur Wine Competition.' The tasted bottle will be disposed of; the other will be displayed during the Fair.
- The Alameda County Fair Association, or its representatives, retains the right to refuse or disqualify any entries that do not meet the specifications of the rules of competition.
- JUDGING:** Judges' decision is final. Judging will be closed to the exhibitors. No results will be given by phone.
- DISPLAY:** Amateur Wine will be displayed in the Wine Display during the Fair.
- AWARDS:**
  - Each exhibitor is limited to two cash awards per class
  - Results will not be given over the phone.
  - Winners will be notified via mail or e-mail.

## CASH AWARDS PER CLASS DANISH JUDGING SYSTEM

<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
<b>\$8</b>	<b>\$6</b>	<b>\$4</b>

### Division 455 - WHITE WINES

#### CLASS

- Chardonnay
- Rhone Whites- Viognier/ Marsanne etc.
- Sauvignon/ Fumé Blanc
- Other White Varietals
- White Blends- list % of each varietal on label
- Dry Rosé
- Sweet Rosé- 4% or more residual sugar

### Division 456 - RED WINES

#### CLASS

- Cabernet Sauvignon
- Petite Sirah
- Zinfandel
- Merlot
- Spanish Reds (Tempranillo, etc.)
- Italian Reds (Sangiovese, Nebbiolo, Barbera, etc.)
- Rhone Style Reds (Sangiovese, Nebbiolo, Barbera, etc.)
- Syrah
- Pinot Noir
- Red Blends- List % of each varietal
- Other Red Varietal- List Varietal

### Division 457 - NON-GRAPE WINES

#### CLASS

- Berry
- Plum
- Other Fruit \*List % of Residual Sugar on label

### Division 458 - DESSERT WINES - 4% RESIDUAL SUGAR OR HIGHER

#### CLASS

- Fortified Dessert Wines
- Late Harvest Wines
- All Other Dessert Wines