

# ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

*Let's Celebrate History, Family and Fun!!!*



## **AMATEUR WINE COMPETITION FOR 2012**

### **Traditions passed along the Generations**

In celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we want to showcase the memories that you and your family have made here at the fair. How long has your family been making Wine? Are you a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> generation Winemaker? If so, do you have some old pictures or a recipe you want to share at the Fair? We want to learn about your history as we celebrate ours. Please contact Patty at [wine@alamedacountyfair.com](mailto:wine@alamedacountyfair.com)



### **Best of Show Wines Display -**

It's our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we want to celebrate with all of our exhibitors!!! This year for the Best of Show Wines will best decorated and displayed in our display cases with our commemorative 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Ribbons



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## AMATEUR WINE COMPETITION

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**ALL STATE and LOCAL RULES APPLY  
DANISH JUDGING SYSTEM  
SEE CONTENTS FOR JUDGING STANDARDS**

**ENTRY FEE:** \$5.00 Per Wine Entry. Any amateur wine entry is automatically entered in the label competition for no fee.

**Mailed ENTRY FORMS and FEES Must be postmarked by MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012  
ONLINE ENTRIES and FEES DUE BY Friday, June 1st by 5:00 p.m.**

**MAIL/DELIVER:** Entry forms and fees to: Alameda County Fair, Competitive Exhibit Office, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566

**DELIVERY (of entered wines on these dates only, to nearest location):**

June 1st- 8th	BREWMASTER ~ (510) 351-8920 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. M - F 2315 Verna Court (on Marina Blvd.), San Leandro
June 1 <sup>st</sup> – 8th	GOOD BREWER ~ (925) 373-0333 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. W – F 2960 Pacific Avenue, Livermore
June 1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	HOP TECH – 925-875-024 6398 Dougherty Rd. #7 Dublin M-T 10-4:30, clsd Wed., Th-Fri 10-5:30, Sat. 10-4, Sun 10-2
Sat, June 9th	FAIRGROUNDS – Palm Pavillion 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Enter through Gate 2 on Bernal Avenue.

No wine will be accepted after Noon, Sat. June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**RELEASE:**

Tues. July 10th Exhibit Office, FAIRGROUNDS  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Enter through Gate 12 on Valley Avenue

**BOTTLES NOT PICKED UP WILL BE DISPOSED OF ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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## DEPARTMENT RULES

1. **DELIVERY:**
  - a. Entries **MAY NOT** be shipped. Entries **MUST BE** hand-delivered to all locations.  
Or
  - b. Deliver to Fairgrounds. **NO entries will be accepted after Noon, Sat. June 9<sup>th</sup>.**
2. **LIMITATIONS:**
  - a. Competition is open to all California amateur winemakers over **21 years of age on May 15 2012.**
  - 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. Each exhibitor is limited to six wine entries, no more than two per class.
  - d. Fair management and/or judges may reclassify entries.
  - e. Lot size may not exceed 200 gallons of production.
  - f. A varietal must consist of 75% of the named grape. A blend is less than 75% of a particular varietal.
3. **BOTTLING:**
  - a. Wines are to be bottled and labeled in 750 milliliter or one quart size bottles.
  - b. Exhibitors must bring **TWO** bottles of each wine variety entered. Each bottle must have a label affixed to it with exhibitor's name, variety, division and class. The tasted bottle will be disposed of; the other will be displayed during the Fair. Display bottles will only be returned if the request is made on the entry form.
4. 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.
5. **JUDGING:** Judges' decision is final. Judging will be closed to the exhibitors. No results will be given by phone.
6. **DISPLAY:** Amateur Wine will be displayed in the Wine Garden. Following the Fair, wine entries may be picked up at the Exhibit Office Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
7. **AWARDS:**
  - a. Each exhibitor is limited to two cash awards per class.
  - b. Results will not be given over the phone or before opening day of the Fair.
  - c. Winners will be notified via email before June 20<sup>th</sup>.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

### ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

#### Rosettes

**Wine** – Best of Show Red, Best of Show White, Best of Show Non-Grape Wine, Best of Show Dessert Wine  
Best Label, Most Original Label

#### **BREWMASTER: Chris Opela**

Best of Show White Wine - \$25 Gift Certificate

#### **GOOD BREWER: Daniel Goodman**

Best of Show Red Wine - \$25 Gift Certificate

#### **Hop Tech: Jade Saldivar**

Best of Show Dessert Wine - \$25 Gift Certificate



#### Cash Awards Per Class

<u>Gold</u>	<u>Silver</u>	<u>Bronze</u>
\$5	\$4	\$3

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## DIVISION 455 – WHITE WINES

### Class

1. Chardonnay
2. Sauvignon Blanc
3. Semillion
4. Viognier
5. Meritage Blend
6. Other White Varietal
7. White Blend

### Class

8. Rhone Style
9. Italian Varietal
10. Riesling
11. Gewurztraminer
12. Rose'-Dry
13. Rose'- Sweet

## DIVISION 456 – RED WINES

### Class

1. Cabernet Sauvignon
2. Merlot
3. Zinfandel
4. Pinot Noir
5. Meritage Blend
6. Other Red Varietal

### Class

7. Red Blend
8. Spanish Varietal
9. Syrah
10. Petite Sirah
11. Rhone Style,
12. Italian Varietal

## DIVISION 457– NON-GRAPE WINES

### Class

1. Berry
2. Plum

### Class

3. Other Fruit
4. Other

## DIVISION 458 – DESSERT WINES

### Class

1. All Dessert Wines
2. Fortified Dessert Wines

### Class

3. Late Harvest Wines

## DIVISION 459 – LABEL

Any amateur wine entry is automatically entered in the label competition. Only those affixed to the bottle are considered. **There is no entry fee; do not enter labels on the entry form.** Each label must contain the following information:

- a. Winemaker
- b. Varietal
- c. Appellation
- d. Vintage

### Class

1. Best Wine Label

### Class

2. Most Original Wine Label

Enter your wines online by Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Click Here: <http://alamed.fairmanager.com>

