



36th Anniversary
OC Fair Homewine Competition
Co-Sponsored by the Orange County Wine Society



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Dear Winemaker,

The **ORANGE COUNTY WINE SOCIETY**, in conjunction with the OC Fair, is proud to sponsor the 36th annual OC Fair Wine Competition. This will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at the Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. All amateur winemakers in California are invited to submit their wines for judging. Last year there were 702 entries from all parts of California.

On-Line: Wine Entries are to be submitted On-Line for the first time this year. This will allow you to submit your wines more quickly, calculate fees, make changes up until the deadline, enter the Wine Label Competition, minimize errors; all at the same time. There are instructions and a tutorial video that will guide you through the process. We suggest that you take advantage of them before you begin. You may go to our web page at **OCWS.ORG** and then to “What’s New” and then click on “Homewine Competition Wine Entry” to begin.

DEADLINE: Last day for entries is May 19, 2012. All wines should be either dropped off or shipped by that date.

JUDGES are always needed and if you have previous judging experience and would like to judge contact the Judging Chairman, Rich McCormick at rdmccormick@cox.net, and information will be sent to you. Please let us know if you know of someone that would like to judge. A judging seminar and workshop will be held on May 5, 2012 from **9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Please let us know if you have an interest in attending.

In keeping with recent competitions, awards will not be announced the day of the event with the exception of the "**BEST OF SHOW**" awards. This is being done to allow for the Competition Reviewing Committee to verify the accuracy and consistency of recommended medals and scores. This insures the quality and standards of the competition are met. The awards, insignias and judging critique sheets will be mailed 4-6-weeks following the competition. Award ribbons will be given this year for Double-Gold, Gold, Silver & Bronze and Honorable Mention Awards.

The **RESULTS** will be posted approximately 2-weeks following the competition on the Orange County Wine Society web site at www.ocws.org under Homewine Competition.

STEWARDS All amateur winemakers are invited to attend the Competition to participate as stewards, and enjoy tasting the award winning wines. Tastings begin following the competition. If you have an interest, contact Dave Wiegand, Chief Steward, at wiegandwines@hotmail.com.

We look forward to your entry and hope you will be pleased with the results. If you have any questions about the event, the entry form, shipping instructions or delivery deadlines, please contact:

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1. WINE CATEGORIES: Only wines produced in California from grapes or fruit grown in California in the following categories are eligible to be entered:

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| All Varietal Wines | All Fruit and Vegetable Wines |
| All Sparkling Wines | All Fortified Wines (over 15% + alcohol) |
| All Red or White Blended Wines | All Rose Wines |
| All Rhone Style Wine | |
| All "California Rhone Style" Wine Blends (may contain up to 25% of other varietals along with traditional Rhone grapes. (See attached Wine Categories and Wine Codes) | |

2. BOTTLE ENTRY: Please submit one (1) 750 ml bottle or equivalent and make sure bottle label matches the Entry Form.

3. ON-LINE ENTRY FORM: Complete the On-Line Entry Form with the following information and mail the entry form with the entry fees, and enclose a copy with your wines. Make sure you keep a copy for your reference.

Winemaker's Name	Address	Day & Night Phone	E-mail Address	Label Contest Information
Wine Varietal	Blends by Percentage		Vintage Year	Dry (D) or Sweet (S)

4. ENTRY FEES: Fees will be \$10.00 per bottle. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ORANGE COUNTY WINE SOCIETY or OCWS.**

4. DROP-OFF LOCATIONS: There are many wine supply stores that have graciously agreed to act as **drop-off locations** for your entries. They will, in turn, ship your wines directly to the Competition. Those locations are listed when you make your entries **On-Line**.

5. There will be a shipping fee of \$3.00 per bottle delivered to most of the Wine Supply Stores and will be automatically calculated for you for you. Note: Wine Entry Fees and Shipping Fees may be combined into one check.

6. AWARDS: Awards will be offered in each category. Double-Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze medals and Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded. Also "**BEST OF SHOW**" plaques will be given in Red, White, Dessert and Fruit categories. Double Gold Ribbons will be given for wines designated, by the judges, as "Best of Show" quality.



7. AWARD INSIGNIAS: Award insignias will be provided to the winners of the Gold, Silver and Bronze awards so that they may be attached to the bottles and proudly displayed on the Award-winning wines.

8. LABEL COMPETITION: Entries are limited to only one (1) style of label in each category. You must have the wines entered in the competition. Entry Fee: \$3.00 per label. Payment may be combined with any wine and/or shipping fees and is automatically calculated.

You can enter the label competition, **on-line**, at the same time you enter your wines. The competition is held for wine labels and a Special Gold, Silver, & Bronze Certificate, suitable for framing, will be awarded. All labels will be judged based on creativity, design, originality and professionalism. The categories will be: Abstract, Classical, Figurative, Humorous, Viticulture/Enocological (wine related). An ID label will be automatically generated when you enter your wines. A "Best of Show" award will be made from all of the Gold Award-Winning labels.

Entry fees will automatically be calculated and payment should be included with any Competition Entry and/or shipping fees

Please place the label on the back of the wine label and mail to the Orange County Wine Society – Att: Label Competition. No wine labels will be returned.

9. IDENTIFICATION/SHIPPING LABELS: An Identification Label is also generated with the On-Line Entry System and must be taped to each bottle. There is also a shipping label included if needed, if you are going to ship direct.

10. WINE LABEL: We suggest that you place your personal wine label on each bottle and, if you have any award-winning wines, they will be displayed at the Homewine Competition Exhibit during the Orange County Fair.

11. DELIVERY: Entries can be delivered in two ways:

- a. Hand deliver to one of the participating wine supply stores listed in the on-line competition entry web site, or
- b. Ship direct to: O'Shea Brewing Company, 28142 Camino Capistrano, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677, Attn. Orange County Fair Judging.

Please remove any foils, capsules and wax.

HAND DELIVERY: No later than May 19, 2012 to any of the locations listed when you enter your wines on-line.

NOTE: If wines are left at one of the participating drop-off locations the online entry system will calculate which wines are subject to the \$3.00 per bottle cost of shipping.

- a. You must **MAIL** your printed entry form, with your payment, to the Orange County Wine Society, P.O Box 11059, Costa Mesa, CA 92627, Attn: Homewine Competition.
- b. Include a copy of the entry form with your wines when you drop-off or ship them.

SHIPPING DIRECT:

Ship direct no later than May 19, 2012 to: O'Shea Brewing Company
Camino Capistrano, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
Attn.: OC Fair Judging
(949) 364-4440

WINE STORAGE - Once the wines are received, they will be stored in a temperature-controlled cellar. Please do not submit or ship wines that are not stable. Whichever way you deliver your wines, make sure that they include a copy of the entry form with the wines.

If you cannot enter your wine information on our web site, we will mail printed information and entry forms upon request. Contact Jim Graver.

FURTHER INFORMATION: If you have any questions or need further information, please contact:

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