

2001 Southwest Wine Competition

COMPETITION RULES

1. All wines within the categories listed on the entry form and produced in wineries within the Southwest Region (Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nevada and Utah) may be entered. Only wines produced from fruit (grapes or other) grown within the Southwest Region as defined above may be entered.
2. A wine's category will be determined by its front label. The label must match the entry form.
3. A wine labeled as a generic may not be entered in a varietal category, and vice versa.
4. All medals will be awarded by the judges, whose decisions are final.
5. The Judging Chairmen retain the right to create categories if the number of entries so warrants. If less than three wines appear in a given category, they may be consigned to another category. If three or more similar wines appear, a special category may be created.
6. The same wine may not be entered in more than one category.
7. Wines received in bottles other than 375 ml, 500 ml, 750 ml or one-liter will not be judged.
8. All wines entered must be available commercially in 375 ml, 500 ml, 750 ml or one-liter bottles.
9. All entry forms must be received by May 28, 2001.
10. Wines must be received no later than June 1, 2001.
11. Entry fees are not refundable.
12. All wine entries become the property of the Southwest Wine Competition.
13. Neither the Southwest Wine Competition, Special Events Resource Group, Inc., their service contractors, nor any officer, staff member, sponsor or director shall be responsible for the safety of the wines from theft, fire, damage, accident, vandalism, natural disaster, war or other causes. However, every safety precaution will be taken by the organizers of the competition. The competitor expressly waives and releases any claim or demand that he or she may have against any of them by reason of any damage to, or loss of, any wine of the competitor.
14. In the event that the judging is not held, a portion of the fees will be refunded, based on the amount paid minus a pro rata share of the expenses for establishing and maintaining entry files. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Southwest Wine Competition and Special Events Resource Group, Inc. shall not be liable for failure to perform caused by an act of God, fire, flood, wind, rain, storm, electrical failure, strike, labor dispute, riot, insurrection, war or other causes beyond its control.

JUDGES

1. The judging will be conducted by a team of qualified tasters.
2. When there are fewer than three entries per category, the wines may be judged in different categories. If three or more similar wines appear, a special category may be created. Any placement in, or removal from a category will be at the discretion of the Judging Chairmen. If the judges are faced with an obviously flawed bottle of wine, no more than one additional bottle of the same entry will be opened and tasted.

3. The Southwest Wine Competition awards will be made on a merit basis. The judges are instructed to grant no awards when, in their opinion, the wines are unworthy. The judges are empowered to grant duplicate awards if the quality of the wines so merits.
4. The decisions of the judges are final.

AWARDS

Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded in all categories at the judges' discretion. Double Gold medals may also be awarded at the judges discretion. Awards will be calculated by scores of judges.

ELIGIBILITY

1. All wines within the categories listed on the entry form and produced in wineries within the Southwest Region (Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nevada and Utah) may be entered. Only wines produced from fruit (grapes or other) grown within the Southwest Region as defined above may be entered.
2. Each wine must have an approved label.
3. A minimum of 23 cases of each wine must have been produced.
4. Each entry shall consist of two (2) bottles. Two (2) each of 500 ml, 750 ml, and one liter bottles or four (4) each of 375 ml bottles of each wine is required.

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

Please fill out the entry form completely and accurately. The winery's phone number, address and contact person are important. We will notify winners who are not present by mail, fax or email the week following the competition.

Under "wine entered" copy the information from the wine's front label. Include the brand name, varietal or proprietary name, appellation, vineyard designation (where applicable), and fill in the vintage.

As precisely as possible, state the varietal composition percentages, alcohol content, residual sugar, acid and suggested retail price.

Enter the category code to which the wine entry belongs. Categories and their codes are listed on the entry form. The accuracy of the codes is essential to ensure a valid competition. The Judging Chairmen reserve the right to change the category of wines entered incorrectly. Please include one (1) label from each wine entered to facilitate entry documentation.

If you choose to enter your wines in the Package Design Competition, check the last box on the entry form.

Tally the fees and sign your entry form. ***Return the completed entry form to the Southwest Wine Competition committee no later than Monday, May 28, 2001. Wines must be received in Ruidoso, New Mexico no later than Friday, June 1, 2001.***

Additional forms can be found at www.trekwest.com/wine.

ENTRY FEES

The competition entry fee is \$20 for each wine entered. The fee includes all handling, storage and judging. For medal winners, the fee also includes announcements, advertising, medallion awards and results listed on the internet.

WHEN AND WHERE TO MAIL FEES

Mail entry from and fees separately from the wine. Entry forms, bottle labels and fees should be sent as soon as possible and before your wine is shipped. The deadline for entries is Monday, May 28, 2001. Mail your entry fees to:

Southwest Wine Competition
P.O. Box 936
Ruidoso, NM 88355

QUANTITY AND WHERE TO SHIP WINE

Send two (2) each of 500 ml, 750 ml, and one liter bottles or four (4) each of 375 ml bottles to:

Southwest Wine Competition
201 Oak Grove Place
Ruidoso, NM 88345

The deadline for receipt of your wines is Friday, June 1, 2001. Wines received after the deadline will not be entered into the competition. To assure timely arrival and correct processing, ship your wine entries as soon as possible. Please include the yellow copy of your entry form in your shipment. **Please mark your shipping cartons with bold lettering "Southwest Wine Competition"**.

PACKAGE DESIGN COMPETITION

In addition to the wine judging, a competition will be held to select winners (gold, silver, bronze) for the best wine package design. The overall packaging which includes color, texture, size of the capsules, neckers, labels, back labels, paintings and the glass bottle itself will be judged for the most successful combination, visual impression and practicality.

A separate panel of judges will determine the ranking in the package design competition.

Participation in the design competition is optional. Because your wine will already be present, you are encouraged to enter. Simply check the appropriate box on the entry form and add \$5 per entry to your fees. Entry in this unique competition is open only to wines already entered in the wine competition.

WEB SITE & E-MAIL ADDRESS

If you are utilizing the world wide web, be sure to include your web address and your e-mail address on your entry form. We would like to link your award winning wines to your winery.

INFORMATION

For additional inquiries, please call:

Voice: 505-257-6171 **Toll Free: 877-877-9322**
Fax: 505-257-7195 **email: wine@trekwest.com**
www.trekwest.com/wine

The Southwest Wine Competition is sponsored by:
Special Events Resource Group
The New Mexico Wine Growers Association
Lodgers Tax Committees of Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs & Lincoln County
The New Mexico Department of Tourism

Southwest Wine Competition Entry Form

Winery Name _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

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Phone Fax

City _____

URL (Internet Address) _____

State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Wine Entered (Include name, appellation, vineyard designation - Please include one label for each wine entered) Send two bottles per entry.	Category Code (see back)	Vintage NV	Varietal %	Alcohol %	Blend %	Residual Sugar	Acid	Suggested Retail \$\$	Include in Pkg. Design Competition?
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(For additional entries, call toll free 877-877-9322 for more entry blanks, or make copies of the above)

Please make check payable to:
Southwest Wine Competition

Number of wines entered for wine judging _____ x \$20 = \$ _____

Sign, detach and return Entry Form with check to:

Number of wines for Package Design _____ x \$ 5 = \$ _____

Southwest Wine Competition
P.O. Box 936
Ruidoso, NM 88355

Add the two totals and make check for \$ _____

TOTAL

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Return White Copy With Check

Return Yellow Copy With Wine Shipment

Keep Pink Copy For Your Records

CATEGORIES & CODES

Category	Code	Category	Code
Chardonnay	110	Cabernet Sauvignon	310
Sauvignon Blanc	120	Misc. Red Varietal Vinifera	320
Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon Blend	125	Pinot Noir	330
Chenin Blanc	130	Zinfandel	340
Riesling Types	140	Cabernet Franc	350
Gewurztraminer	150	Red Blends	360
White Blends	155	Merlot	370
Misc. White Varietals/Vinifera	160	Misc. Red Varietal/Hybrid	380
Muscat Canelli	165	Port	390
White Hybrid	170		
Sherry	180	Fruit Wines (Non-dessert)	410
		Specialty Wines (ie: Chile Wine)	420
Blush Varietals	210		
Rose	220	White Dessert	510
Blush Blends	230	Red Dessert	520
		Fruit Dessert	530
		Dessert (Fortified)	540
		Sparkling	610

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