



33rd Anniversary
OC Fair Homewine Competition
Co-Sponsored by the Orange County Wine Society



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June 13, 2009

Dear Winemaker

The **ORANGE COUNTY WINE SOCIETY**, in conjunction with the OC Fair, is proud to sponsor the 32nd annual OC Fair Wine Competition. This will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009 in the Wine Pavilion, Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. All amateur winemakers in California are invited to submit their wines for judging. Last year there were 725 entries from all parts of California.

JUDGES are always needed and if you have previous judging experience and would like to judge, contact the OWCS office and information will be sent to you. Also if you know of someone that would like to judge, please let us know. A judging seminar and workshop will be held on **May 9, 2009** at the OC Fairgrounds - Memorial Gardens Building from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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 a Competition Reviewing Committee an opportunity to evaluate all judges' results, verify the accuracy and consistency of recommended medals and scores. This is also done to insure that the quality and standards of the competition are met. The awards, insignias and judging critique sheets will be mailed approximately 4-6-weeks following the competition to allow time for the custom 31st Anniversary medals to be made.

A special "**COMPETITION BRUNCH**" and wine tasting will be held in **July 25th**, during the Fair. This will be a time to meet your fellow winemakers and a chance to taste some of the award-winning wines and spend the rest of the day enjoying the Fair. Passes will be available for each participant.

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

STEWARDS All amateur winemakers are invited to attend the Competition as observers or participate as stewards, and in the tasting of the award winning wines that day. This will be done immediately following the competition. If you have an interest, indicate it in the space provided on the entry form or contact Jim Graver.

We look forward to your entry and hope you will be pleased with the results. If you have any questions specific to the event, the entry form, shipping instructions or delivery deadlines, please contact the OCWS office at the above address, fax or phone number.

or
Jim Graver
Competition Chairman

(949) 581-9599 E-mail – winemaster72@earthlink.net

OC FAIR

HOMEWINE COMPETITION WINE CATEGORIES

WHITE (DRY OR SWEET)

(CB) Chenin Blanc
(CH) Chardonnay
(FC) French Colombard
(MU) Muscat
(GT) Gewurtztraminer
(SB) Sauvignon Blanc
(VG) Viognier
(VW) Other Varietal White
(RS) White Riesling

ROSE

(V1) Varietal Rose
(T1) Other Blends

BLUSH

(V2) Varietal Blush
(T2) Other Blush
(WZ) White Zinfandel

WHITE BLENDS LESS THAN 75% OF VARIETAL

(WB) All White Blends

RED (Dry or Sweet)

(BR) Barbera
(BM) Black Muscat
(CF) Cabernet Franc
(CS) Cabernet Sauvignon
(CG) Carignane
(ME) Merlot
(NB) Nebbiolo
(PS) Petite Sirah
(PN) Pinot Noir
(RC) Ruby Cabernet
(SN) Sangiovese
(SY) Syrah
(VR) Other Varietal Red
(ZN) Zinfandel

RED BLENDS LESS THAN 75% OF VARIETAL

(RB) All Red Blends

SPARKLING

(SW) Sparkling Wines

DESSERT & OTHERS

(PO) Port
(SH) Sherry
(VB) Vegetable
(LW) Late Harvest - White
(LR) Late Harvest - Red
(MD) Mead
(OF) Other Fortified

FRUIT – (D) Dry or (S) Sweet

(AL) Apple
(AP) Apricot
(BL) Blackberry
(BY) Boysenberry
(CR) Cranberry
(CY) Cherry
(EL) Elderberry
(LB) Loganberry
(PH) Peach
(PL) Plum
(RP) Raspberry
(ST) Strawberry
(FB) Fruit Blends
(FO) Other Fruit

(1) MERITAGE STYLE

(MR) Red
(MW) White

RHONE STYLE - RED

(2) (RR) Rhone Style
(3) (RZ) California Style

- (1) Blend of only traditional Bordeaux grape varieties (Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot).
- (2) A blend of wine from two or more grapes traditionally grown in the Rhone Valley, France (Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre, Carignane, Cinsault and Counoise. White varieties include Viognier, Marsanne & Roussanne.
- (3) Similar to the red Rhone-style blends, except may include less than 25% non-Rhone grapes.



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2008 OC Fair Wine Competition

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ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

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

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. **ENTRY FORM & FEES:** Complete the Entry Form with the following information and mail the form and entry fees and, Ship the Wine Separately, to the Orange County Wine Society – Homewine Competition.

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

- **Please use only one line per entry.** Make additional copies if necessary or additional entry forms may be obtained by calling or faxing your request to the Orange County Wine Society office.

* For the wine description, please use the name and wine code from the **Wine Category List.**

* If a blend, name the Varietal and the percentages.

4. **AWARDS:** Awards will be offered in each category. Double-Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded to wines receiving the judge's recommendations. 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.

5. **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 - (Sample attached).



6. **LABEL CONTEST:** Entries are limited to only one (1) style of label in each category or a maximum of 3 labels may be entered in all categories. You must have the wines entered in the competition. Entry Fee: \$2.00 per label.

A 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: Elegant Design, Fruit, Grapes & Leaves, Botanical, Whimsical, Modern Design, Thematic, People, Scenic, Name Representation, Foil & Embossing, Wildlife, Crests & Emblems, Best Use of Color. If entering more than one label, please number them 1, 2, 3, etc. on the back of the label, as well as, the entry form and mail to the Orange County Wine Society – Att: Label Competition.

Be sure to write your name, address and phone number on the back of each label. No labels will be returned.

6. **NEWS RELEASE:** We will mail a news release to your local newspaper indicating any awards that you receive. Please be sure to compete that section of the Entry Form which asks for the name of the newspaper and city in which it is published.

7. **STEWARDS:** Every participant is invited to assist as a steward during the competition. Lunch will be served after the competition and opportunity to taste some of the award-winning wines. Please indicate on the entry form and an invitation will be sent to you.

8. **ENTRY FEES:** Fees will be \$9.00 per bottle MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ORANGE COUNTY WINE SOCIETY

or OCWS. There will be a shipping fee of \$2.50 per bottle delivered to the Wine Supply Stores indicated with an asterisk *

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS (CONT.)

9. **IDENTIFICATION/SHIPPING LABELS:** The attached Identification label should be taped to each bottle. Please be sure to include the varietal and wine code. There is also a shipping label included if needed.
10. **WINE LABEL:** Please place your personal wine label on each bottle and, if you have any award-winning wines, they will be displayed at the Orange County Fair at a special Wine & Competition Exhibit from July 10th to August 9th.
11. **DELIVERY:** Entries can be submitted in two ways, hand deliver to one of the following wine supply stores or ship 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: Not later than May 23, 2009 to any of the following locations as indicated by the asterisk:

Stein Fillers America 4160 Norse Way. Long Beach, CA 90808 (562) 425-0588 steinfillers.com	O'Shea Brewing Company 28142 Camino Capistrano Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 (949) 364-4440 osheabrewing@sbcglobal.net	Home Winemaking Shop 22846 Ventura Blvd. Woodland Hills, CA (818) 224-3656 homebeerwinecheese.com	* Beer & WineMakers of 755 E. Brokaw Road San Jose, CA 95112 (408) 441-0880
* Morning Glory Fermentation 6601 Merchandise Way Diamond Springs, CA 95619 (866) 622-3124 morninggloryfermentation.com	* Doc's Cellar 855 Capitolio Way #2 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 (805) 781-9974 docscellar.com	* Original Home Brew Outlet 5528 Auburn Blvd., #1 Sacramento, CA 95841 (916) 348-6322 ehomebrew.com	* Valley Vintner 4435 First Street, #113 Livermore, CA 94551 (866) 812-9463 valleyvintner.com
* The Beverage People 840 Piner Road, #14 Santa Rosa, CA 95403 (707) 544-2520 thebeveragepeople.com	* Napa Fermentations 575 3 rd Street Napa, CA 94559 (707)-255-6372 napafermentation.com	* Beer, Beer & More Beer 991 N. San Antonio Rd. Los Altos, CA 94022 (650) 949-2739 morebeer.com	* Oak Barrel Winecraft 1443 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley, CA 94702 (510) 849-0400 oakbarrel.com
* Fermentation Solutions 2511 Winchester Blvd. Campbell, CA 95008 (408) 871-1400 fermentationsolutions.com			

NOTE: If wines are left at the locations marked with an asterisk, ADD \$2.50 per bottle for the cost of shipping. You must MAIL your entry form, with your payment, to the Orange County Wine Society - FAX (714) 546-5002. Please include a copy, of the entry form, when you leave your wines.

UPS SHIPPING DIRECT:

Ship direct no later than May 23, 2009 to:

O'Shea Brewing Company
Camino Capistrano, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 (949) 364-4440
Attn.: OC Fair Judging

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. The original entry form and fees should be mailed, separately, to the Orange County Wine Society – Attn.: Homewine Competition.

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

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or the ORANGE COUNTY WINE SOCIETY
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Please use the bottle labels and shipping label when entering wine. Make copies of the sheet if needed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Wine Code: _____

Varietal: _____ Dry or Sweet: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Wine Code: _____

Varietal: _____ Dry or Sweet: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

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**TO:
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TAPE OR GLUE LABELS TO BOTTLE