



## 1. Rules:

- Eligibility: Any wine bottled in the United States.
- A copy of the completed entry form with the fees must be received at the Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds by November 20, 2009.
- All wines must be received at the Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds by December 10, 2009.
- No refunds for canceled entries for sending the wrong wine.
- All gold medal winning winery brands are required to pour or send one case of the gold winning wine to be poured at the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition Tasting at the Fort Mason Center in San Francisco, CA slated for February 20, 2010 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. (see 6i).

## 2. Entry Instructions:

- FORMS AND FEES:** There is a \$25 per brand fee plus a \$60 per wine entry fee. There is a \$50 reservation table fee for wineries wanting to pour wines at the Public Tasting at Fort Mason Center on February 20, 2010. (First come, first serve- last year the table reservations sold out before the end of the entry deadline). By November 20, 2009, send a completed copy of the enclosed form with your check to:  
**San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition**  
**Attn: Bob Fraser, Executive Director**  
**Cloverdale Citrus Fair**  
**1 Citrus Fair Drive**  
**Cloverdale, CA 95425**  
(please make check payable to: "Cloverdale Citrus Fair")
- WINES:** Send six 750ml bottles per wine entry and a copy of the entry form by December 10, 2009. Send wine to the same address as above.  
- If the entry is larger than 750ml, then 4 bottles or boxes shall be required.

## 3. Entry Qualifications:

- There is no limit to the number of entries per winery.
- There is no limit to the number of vintages of the same variety a winery may enter.
- A minimum of fifty 12 bottle cases of each wine entered must be available for sale to the public, either at the winery or through distribution channels.

## 4. Wine Shipping Instructions:

- Wines may be legally shipped anywhere within the United States to a professional wine competition.
- Hand print large and clear on box: winery brand name and entry code number. For example, Fraser Vineyard, 210 and 403.**
- For shipments of more than one box, indicate that the box is "Box 1 of 4", "Box 2 of 4", etc.

## 5. Judging of Wines:

- The judging panels will consist of five members representing trade, education, media, retail and restaurants.
- The competition reserves the right to re-classify wine entries.
- Additional bottles will be judged if a bottle is deemed by the panel as to be flawed.
- Wineries will be notified of their awards by mail and online at winejudging.com within one week of the conclusion of the judging.
- Any wine remaining at the conclusion of the event remain with winejudging.com for staffing compensation and educational non-profit donation purposes.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Entry Forms/Fees Due: 11/20/09

Wine: 12/10/09

Results Publication Date: 2/12/10

Public Tasting: 2/20/10

Info: (707) 894-3992

www.winejudging.com

Fax: (707) 894-9553

Email: citrus@sonic.net

## 6. Public Tasting Information:

- All gold medal winning winery brands are required to pour or send one case of the gold winning wine to be poured at the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition Tasting at the Fort Mason Center in San Francisco, CA on February 20, 2010 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- All sparkling, red, white, pink, and dessert sweepstakes winners must ship in advance and supply one case of wine for the tasting for the special tasting. The sweepstake wines will have advance publicity in the Chronicle Special Tasting Section and will be a major part of these wine and food shows.
- There is a \$50 per table reservation fee for pouring at the Public Tasting. If tables are available after December 31, 2009, the late reservation table fee is \$100.
- All gold and sweepstake winners will be recognized in the San Francisco Chronicle special section on February 12, 2010 which will also serve as the event program for guests.
- The San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition Tasting is at Fort Mason Center in San Francisco, February 20, 2010 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Wineries are invited to pour any of their other wines as well. Transportation of wine to the tasting is the responsibility of the winery.
- Participating wineries shall pour wine for the duration of the public tasting. Please drop off one bottle of each gold medal wine for media tasting at winery check-in table. Bring your own containers for cooling wines. Some ice will be provided.
- New change: Plaques will be sent to wineries prior to public tasting event.**
- Retail price per bottle reported in all post judging publicity will be the price as listed on the entry form.
- Wineries unable to pour at public tasting, must send one case of gold medal wine to Groskopf Warehouse, 20580 8th Street, Sonoma, CA 95476-9590, phone: (707) 939-3100 to arrive 2/2-2/15. Hand print large and clear on box: winery name and name of competition. Participating wineries at the public tasting should not send their wines to Groskopf Warehouse. This is only for non-attending wineries. Questions: Contact Teri Edens at (707) 894-3992.

## 7. Awards and Publicity

- Plaque for wineries that are awarded silver and higher.
- American Ag Credit Plaque for Sweepstake Red, Pink, White, Sparkling, and Dessert Winning Winemakers.
- San Francisco Chronicle Special Section publication of Gold, Double Gold, and Sweepstake awards.
- Winejudging.com posting of all award winners, Sweepstakes and Best of Class on sfgate.com.
- Best of Class winning wineries may have the opportunity to participate in the SF Pacific Orchid Expo in March 2010.

## For Entry and Wine Delivery Information

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