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Welcome to the 2018 Monterey International Wine Competition!

You are cordially invited to enter the 25th annual Monterey Wine Competition, an international wine competition to be held at the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds on March 3 & 4, 2018.

What is it that makes Monterey unique among competitions and worthy of your consideration? This year we will again be including scores on all wines rated Gold or above for use in your marketing strategy. I've found in my discussions with wineries that medals are a useful tool in the tasting room and on shelf talkers, but that the power of a two digit score in today's age of Twitter and Facebook is of significant value to wineries that have implemented social media into their overall marketing plan. We're offering both, so you can use whatever works best for you. In addition, are pleased to partner with the internationally renowned website winereviewonline.com - their writers will review all of our Platinum Award winners with a detailed tasting note that will run on their website. Their reviews are read by thousands of wine buyers each week.

While the event is called a competition, we are very careful to ensure that wines are evaluated in their own context - in other words, we're not out to say that this wine is "better" than that wine. It is our sincere desire to celebrate high quality wines of all styles, from all regions of the world. Our judges are experienced tasters that have significant experience in the industry, running the gamut from marketing consultants that represent large wine portfolios to Master Sommeliers. Judges will be added as we approach the competition - check our website for the most current list.

Our special awards will include the Best of Monterey County, Wine of the Year, Winery of the Year and some unique Director's Awards. In addition, award winners will be poured at our Grand Tasting at the Salinas Valley Fair in May. Check in at montereywinecompetition.com for more details on this as the competition approaches.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the Monterey International Wine Competition - we hope that it's a fit for your marketing strategy, and we look forward to celebrating your winemaking achievements!

Cheers!
Rich Cook, Director

Award Categories

Judges will award Silver honors to wines that demonstrate above average character for the wine type and place of origin. Gold honors will be awarded to wines that rise above a straightforward recommendation. Platinum awards will be reserved for wines nominated for Best of Show in these categories: sparkling, rose, white, red and dessert. All judges will participate in the tasting evaluation and vote for Best of Show and Wine of the Year. Judges will taste all wines blind but may ask for information about place of origin or grape varieties included in a blend. Producer, price and vintage will not be disclosed until the close of the competition. The Director may, at his discretion, recognize outstanding performances by an individual winery or importer following tabulation of all results. Awards will be announced at www.montereywinecompetition.com and by regular mail.

Entering

A complete entry is comprised of six (6) 750ml or nine (9) 375ml bottles. Distilled spirits entries such as brandy require three (3) 750ml or five (5) 375ml bottles. Grape varieties, residual sugar, appellation, vineyard designation, proprietary names, retail price and alcohol level must be listed on the entry form with each entry. Please fill out the entry form completely and accurately. The winery's telephone number, email address and contact person are important. Winners will be notified shortly after the end of the competition by regular U.S. mail. Results also will be posted on the website at www.montereywinecompetition.com.

IMPORTANT: Be sure to enter each wine in the proper category. If a category does not exist for your wine, leave the category field blank and the Director will assign the wine to the correct category or create a new category, if necessary, using the varietal composition and residual sugar level as a guide.

Wines entered in the wrong category will be moved to the correct category by the Director. Enter the wine's name as it

appears on the label. The wine's label will determine how the wine is identified to consumers and industry when awards are announced.

Entry Fees

Early Bird entry fee is \$65 per entry for entries received before January 26, 2018. The fee for wines entered after January 26th is \$70 per entry. Final deadline is February 16, 2018. Make checks payable to Salinas Valley Fair or complete and submit our credit card authorization form, or enter online at www.enofileonline.com. Mail entry form and fees to: Salinas Valley Fair, 625 Division Street, King City, CA 93930. Please direct any questions to Lauren Hamilton at 831-385-3243, lh@salinasvalleyfair.com or Rich Cook, Competition Director at 760-522-3167, winewiseguy@me.com.

Competition Rules

1. To qualify for entry in the 2018 Monterey Wine Competition a wine must have been produced for commercial sale. Homemade wines will not be accepted for judging.
2. Each wine's category will be determined by information on the label.
3. The decision of the judges is final.
4. The Director reserves the right to create new categories as entries warrant.
5. Six (6) 750ml or nine (9) 375ml bottles comprise a wine entry. Entries of distilled grape spirits such as brandy or grappa require three (3) 750ml or five (5) 375ml bottles.
7. All wines entered must be received by February 26, 2018.
8. Make checks payable to Salinas Valley Fair or complete and submit credit card authorization form.

International Wines: The 2018 Monterey Wine Competition accepts entries from commercial wineries worldwide.

RED BLENDS

BRBOR.....	Bordeaux AOC
BRBORGC.....	Bordeaux Grand Cru Classe
BRBR.....	Red Bordeaux Rhone
BRBV	Blended Red Bordeaux Varietals
BRLV.....	Red Languedoc Vin d’Pays
BRLA.....	Red Languedoc AOC
BRLGV	Red Languedoc Grand Vins
BRLGC.....	Red Languedoc Grand Crus
BRRV.....	Rhone Varietals
BRRVA.....	Rhone Valley AOC
BRRVAC.....	Rhone Valley AOC Cru
BRPV.....	Portuguese Varietals
BRSV.....	Spanish Varietals
BRIV.....	Italian Varietals
BRCHIA.....	Chianti DOC & DOCG
BRCHIAR.....	Chianti DOCG Riserva
BRST.....	Super Tuscan IGT
BRSTN.....	Super Tuscan New World
BRSWF.....	Red Southwest France AOC
BRTR.....	Tuscan Rosso DOC
BRUN.....	Brunello di Montalcino
BRUNR.....	Brunello di Montalcino Riserva
BRVA.....	Veneto DOCG Amarone
BRVN.....	Veneto DOC
BRVNP.....	Veneto DOC Passito
BRVNR.....	Veneto DIC Ripasso
BRVNM.....	Vino Nobile di Montepulciano
BRVNMNR.....	Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva
BRRIB.....	Ribera del Duero DOC
RIOJA.....	Rioja DO
RIOC.....	Rioja DO Crianza
RIOG.....	Rioja DO Gran Reserva
RIOR.....	Rioja DO Riserva
BRHD.....	Blended Red Hybrid Dry

BRHMD.....	Blended Red Hybrid Medium Dry
BRHMS.....	Blended Red Hybrid Medium Sweet
BRHS.....	Blended Red Hybrid Sweet
BROTD.....	Blended Red Other Varietals Dry
BROTMD.....	Blended Red Other Medium Dry
BROTMS.....	Blended Red Other Medium Sweet
BROTS.....	Blended Red Other Sweet

RED VARIETALS

RVAG.....	Aglianico
RVBA.....	Barbera
RVBO.....	Barolo
RVBR.....	Barbaresco
RVBJC.....	Beaujolais Cru
RVBJV.....	Beaujolais Village
RVBUB.....	Burgundy Bourgogne
RVBUGC.....	Burgundy Grand Cru
RVBUPC.....	Burgundy Premier Cru
RVBUV.....	Burgundy Village
RVCF.....	Cabernet Fran
RVCM.....	Carmenero
RVCRG.....	Carignan
RVCS.....	Cabernet Sauvignon
RVGM.....	Gamay
RVGN.....	Grenache
RVGR.....	Greek Varietal
RVIL.....	Lambrusco
RVIT.....	Red Italian Varietal
RVMB.....	Malbec
RVML.....	Merlot
RVMV.....	Mourvedre
RVNB.....	Nebbiolo
RVPN.....	Pinot Noi
RVPO.....	Portuguese Varietal
RVPS.....	Petite Siral

RVPT..... Primitivo
 RVPTG..... Pinotage
 RVPV..... Petit Verdot
 RVSP..... Spanish Varietal
 RVSV..... Sangiovese
 RVSHZ..... Shiraz
 RVSY..... Syrah
 RVTN..... Tannat
 RVTP..... Tempranillo
 RVZN..... Zinfandel
 RVOTD..... Red Varietal Other Dry
 RVMD..... Red Varietal Other
 Medium Dry
 RVMS..... Red Varietal Other
 Medium Sweet
 RVSW..... Red Varietal Other Sweet
 RHCH..... Red Hybrid Chambourcin
 RHMD..... Red Hybrid Other
 Medium Dry
 RHMS..... Red Hybrid Other
 Medium Sweet
 RHNO..... Red Hybrid Norton
 RHOD..... Red Hybrid Other Dry
 RHOS..... Red Hybrid Other Sweet

ROSE

ROSED..... Rose Dry
 ROSEMD..... Rose Medium Dry
 ROSEMS..... Rose Medium Sweet
 ROSES..... Rose Sweet
 ROWZ White Zinfandel
 RHROSED..... Red Hybrid Rose Dry
 RHROSMD..... Red Hybrid Rose
 Medium Dry
 RHROSMS..... Red Hybrid Rose
 Medium Sweet
 RHRS..... Red Hybrid Rose Sweet

WHITE BLENDS

BWBOR..... Bordeaux AOC
 BWBORG..... Bordeaux Blanc Grand
 Cru Classe

BWBV..... Bordeaux Varietals
 BWHD..... Hybrids Dry
 BWHMD..... Hybrids Medium Dry
 BWHMS..... Hybrids Medium Sweet
 BWHS..... Hybrids Sweet
 BWIT..... Italian Varietals
 BWLV..... White Languedoc Vin d’Pays
 BWLA..... White Languedoc AOC
 BWLGV..... White Languedoc
 Grand Vins
 BWLGC..... White Languedoc Grand
 Cru
 BWRV..... Rhone Varietals
 BWSV..... Spanish Varietals
 BWVD..... Blended White Varietals Dry
 BWVMD..... Blended White Varietals
 Medium Dry
 BWVMS..... Blended White Varietals
 Medium Sweet
 BWVS..... Blended White Varietals
 Sweet

WHITE VARIETALS

WVAL..... Albarino
 WVBUB..... Bourgogne Blanc
 WVBUGC..... Burgundy Blanc Grand Cru
 WVBUM..... Burgundy Macon
 WVBUPC..... Burgundy Blanc
 Premier Cru
 WVBUV..... Burgundy Blanc Villages
 WVCGC..... Chablis Grand Cru
 WVCPC..... Chablis Premier Cru
 WVCV..... Chablis Villages
 WVCH..... Chardonnay
 WVCB..... Chenin Blanc
 WVGB..... Grenache Blanc
 WVGD..... Gewurztraminer Dry
 WVGMD..... Gewurztraminer
 Medium Dry
 WVGMS..... Gewurztraminer Medium
 Sweet

WVGS..... Gewurztraminer Sweet
 WVGV..... Gruner Veltliner
 WGDR..... Greek Varietal Dry
 WGMD..... Greek Varietal Medium Dry
 WGMS..... Greek Varietal Medium
 Sweet
 WVICE..... Ice Wine
 WVIT..... Italian Varietal
 WVMAR..... Marsanne
 WMDR..... Muscat Dry
 WMMD..... Muscat Medium Dry
 WMMS..... Muscat Medium Sweet
 WMSW..... Muscat Sweet
 WVPB..... Pinot Blanc
 WVPGO..... Pinot Grigio
 WVPGS..... Pinot Gris
 WVRD..... Riesling Dry
 WVRMD..... Riesling Medium Dry
 WVRMS..... Riesling Medium Sweet
 WVRS..... Riesling Sweet
 WVRSSN..... Roussanne
 WVSB..... Sauvignon Blanc
 WVSE..... Semillon
 WVSO..... Soave DOC
 WVSP..... Spanish Varietal
 WVTOR..... Torrontes
 WVVD..... Verdelho
 WVVJ..... Verdejo
 WVVG..... Viognier
 WVVM..... Vermentino
 WVOTD..... White Varietal Other Dry
 WVOMD..... White Varietal Other
 Medium Dry
 WVOMS..... White Varietal Other
 Medium Sweet
 WVOS..... White Varietal Other Sweet
 WHCD..... White Hybrid Chardonnay
 WHOD..... White Hybrid Other Dry
 WHOMD..... White Hybrid Other
 Medium Dry

WHOMS..... White Hybrid Other
 Medium Sweet
 WHOS..... White Hybrid Other Sweet
 WHSV..... White Hybrid Seyval
 WHTR..... White Hybrid Traminette
 WHVB..... White Hybrid Vidal Blanc
 WHVG..... White Hybrid Vignoles

SPARKLING

CBRNV..... Brut Champagne
 Non-Vintage
 CBTC..... Brut Champagne Tete
 de Cuvee
 CBVIN..... Brut Champagne Vintage
 CDSNV..... Demi-Sec Champagne
 Non-Vintage
 CDSVIN..... Demi-Sec Champagne
 Vintage
 CEDNV..... Extra Dry Champagne
 Non-Vintage
 CEDVIN..... Extra Dry Champagne
 Vintage
 CRNV..... Rose Champagne
 Non-Vintage
 CRTC..... Rose Champagne Tete
 de Cuvee
 CRVIN..... Rose Champagne Vintage
 SCBNV..... Sparkling Cava Brut
 Non-Vintage
 SCBV..... Sparkling Cava Brut Vintage
 SCROS..... Sparkling Cava Rose
 SIBNV..... Italian Methode
 Champenoise Brut Non-Vintage
 SIBV..... Italian Methode Champenoise
 Vintage
 SISB..... Spumante Bianco
 SISR..... Spumante Rosso
 SPBR..... Prosecco Brut
 SPDS..... Prosecco Demi-Sec
 SPED..... Prosecco Extra Dry
 SPFR..... Prosecco Frizzante

