

**Department 26 – NEW YORK STATE FAIR
HOME WINE COMPETITION
New York State Fairgrounds**

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Exhibitor's Fee - \$10.00 for each two (2) bottle entry
Make checks payable to the New York State Fair
Use the appropriate entry form

The New York State Fair is proud to announce the twenty-seventh annual New York State Fair Home Wine Competition. The judging will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2008 at the New York State Fairgrounds. The awards ceremony will be held in the Art and Home Center Theater on Friday, August 22 – 12:00 noon.

SPECIAL RULES APPLY TO THIS DEPARTMENT

Open to any amateur winemaker, 21 years or older, who is a resident of New York State.

1. No entrant shall be involved in commercial winemaking or use the services of a commercial winemaking facility. This is an amateur competition.
2. There is a limit of six (6) wines per entrant..
3. All wine must be produced and bottled in New York State by the entrant.
4. Two (2) bottles of each entry is required. No wine bottles will be returned to the entrant. Standard 750 ml (4/5 quart) wine bottles only, no odd shapes.
5. Each bottle must be identified with the winemaker's name, address, entry category number and grape or fruit variety.
6. An entry fee of \$10.00 is required for each two-bottle entry. Make checks payable to the **New York State Fair**.
7. Each entrant will receive two (2) complimentary admission passes to the Fair. Good from August 21 to September 1, 2008.
8. To enter, complete and sign the entry form and ship or deliver it and the wine with the appropriate fee to the New York State Fair Home Wine Competition, New York State Fair, 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209. We are attempting to establish drop off points around the state. Keep checking the website for updates..
9. **Do not use the US Postal Service to ship wines. Use only UPS, DHL or Fed Ex.**
10. All wine must be entered by **Friday, August 1, 2008**.
11. Entry categories are listed below and on the entry form. Select the proper category from those shown.
12. The competition committee will decide questions on rules and procedures. All decisions rendered will be final.

13. All entrants will receive a brief critique of the wines they entered. All non-medal winners will receive a Certificate of Achievement. All medal winners will receive a Certificate of Achievement and either a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal.
14. All entries become the property of the New York State Fair.
15. The decision of the judges is final except where error, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award is proven. In such cases, the Superintendent or such referee as he may appoint may make decisions, or the case may be appealed to the Agriculture Manager, whose decisions shall be final.
16. Entry Categories
 1. Vinifera – White
 2. Vinifera – Red
 3. Vinifera - Rose'/Blush
 4. Hybrid - White
 5. Hybrid - Red
 6. Hybrid - Rose'/Blush
 7. Native - White
 8. Native - Red
 9. Native - Rose'/Blush
 10. Fruit- (Non-Grape)
 11. Sparkling - all types
 12. Fortified
 13. Mead – Still, Sparkling