

Department S1

MID-ATLANTIC SOUTHEASTERN WINE COMPETITION

2026 COMPETITION GUIDE

ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 24

DATE OF JUDGING

Saturday, August 1 and Sunday, August 2

DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

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COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS OFFICE

Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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CLICK HERE TO ENTER **A COMPETITION!**

SHIPPING INFORMATION

FAIR OFFICE ADDRESS: 421 W. 27TH STREET, WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27105

If dropping off entries in person, please use Gate 9 on 27th Street to access the Fair Office.

- Entries for the **MID-ATLANTIC SOUTHEASTERN WINE COMPETITION** will open June 1, 2026. Entries must be postmarked or delivered to the Fair office by **Friday, July 24 at 4:30 p.m.**
- Along with the entries, please include the completed entry form and entry fee(s) in the shipment.
 - **Entry Fees: \$15 per commercial entry, \$5 per amateur entry**
 - If you have already paid online, only a copy of the entry form should be included.
 - Checks should be made payable to **City of Winston-Salem.**
 - If sending multiple boxes, please mark them as Box 1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc. The entry form should be included in Box 1 if sending multiple boxes.
- All entry shipments must contain two (2) bottles of wine. If bottles are smaller than 750 mL, three (3) bottles are required. One bottle will be used for judging, and the other will be used for display purposes during the Fair.

PICK-UP INFORMATION

- Pick-up for ALL exhibits is **(NO EXCPETIONS)**:
 - **Monday, October 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
 - **Tuesday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- You **MUST** have your claim check tag to reclaim your entry, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Exhibits cannot be removed prior to October 12.
- **All items will be discarded after October 13.**

FAQs & ENTRY INFORMATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the entry fee? Yes, \$15 per commercial entry and \$5 per amateur entry. Entry fees and completed forms must accompany wine being shipped. If you entered and paid online, please include a copy of your entry form in the box. Checks should be made payable to **City of Winston-Salem**.

What are the shipping instructions? Please refer to Page 2 for all shipping instructions.

Where will my exhibit(s) be displayed at the fair? Wine entries are displayed in Yesterday Village.

How do I pick up my exhibit(s) after the fair? All entries **MUST** be picked up by **October 12 by 4 pm**. **No items will be removed before October 11**. All items will be discarded after October 13. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

ENTRY INFORMATION

- The Carolina Classic fair management, employees, department workers, and volunteers will take every precaution to protect exhibits but will not be held responsible for any loss, breakage or damage to any article or exhibits.
- All wines will be displayed during the Carolina Classic Fair from October 2-11. All displayed wine must be picked up at the Fair office between October 13-16. Any wine not picked up by October 16 will become property of the Carolina Classic Fair and will be disposed of. The Carolina Classic Fair will not ship wine back to exhibitors.
- Only wines made from at least 75% fruit grown in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern region (GA, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV) are eligible to compete for Double Gold medals. These wines may also compete for Rosettes for Best White Dry Wine, Best Red Dry Wine, Best White Sweet Wine, Best Red Sweet Wine, and Best Dessert & Fruit Wine, as well as a Best in Show trophy for Commercial entries and a Best Amateur Rosette for Amateur entries. *There is a column on the entry form to indicate this information.
- The decision of the judges will be final.

NEW CLASSES

No new classes in Department S1: Mid-Atlantic Southeastern Wine Competition.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

- A ribbon is a badge of merit, and in no case should be attached to an article or animal where meritorious qualities are lacking.
- The following colors will be used to designate awards:
 - **Judge's Choice:** Red, White and Blue
 - **First Place:** Double Gold Medal, Gold Medal
 - **Second Place:** Silver Medal
 - **Third Place:** Bronze Medal
- If awarded, all ribbons must be picked up following the Fair (October 12-13).
- Premiums will be paid only from the judging results records and **NOT** from the ribbon or tags on exhibits.
- Errors or omissions in premium payments not reported to the Fair Administrative Office by December 31, 2026, will **NOT** be paid.



CATEGORIES: COMMERCIAL

SECTION 100

COMMERCIAL WINE

MEDALS PER CLASS: Double Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze

ROSETTES: Best White Dry Wine, Best Red Dry Wine, Best White Sweet Wine, Best Red Sweet Wine, Best Dessert & Fruit Wine, Best Amateur Trophy - Best in Show

SPARKLING WINE

- 01. White or Orange (*Dry, <1.1% RS*)
- 02. Red or Rosé (*Dry*)
- 03. Red or Rosé (*Off dry or sweet, <1% RS*)

WHITE OFF DRY, SEMI SWEET

- 04. Traminette
- 05. Riesling
- 06. Semi-Sweet Blend
- 07. Carlos
- 08. Other Muscadine
- 09. Blush/Rose or Orange (*>1% RS*)
- 10. Blend
- 11. Other

WHITE DRY

- 12. Sauvignon
- 13. Vidal Blanc
- 14. Seyval Blanc
- 15. Riesling (*Dry*)
- 16. Viognier
- 17. Chardonnay
- 18. Chardonnay (*Oak-fermented or aged*)
- 19. Chardonel
- 20. Pinot Grigio/Gris
- 21. Proprietary White Blend (*Dry*)
- 22. Traminette/Gewürztraminer
- 23. Blush/Rose or Orange (*Dry*)
- 24. Other

RED SWEET

- 25. Nabal
- 26. Other Muscadine
- 27. Blend Including Muscadine
- 28. Other

RED DRY

- 29. Pinot Noir
- 30. Italian Style
- 31. Cabernet Franc
- 32. Syrah Shiraz
- 33. Merlot
- 34. Cabernet Sauvignon
- 35. Petit Verdot
- 36. Other Red Vinifera
- 37. Chambourcin
- 38. Other Red Hybrid
- 39. Norton or Cynthiana
- 40. Proprietary Red Blend
- 41. Premium Red Blend (*\$25 and over*)
- 42. Other

DESSERT & FRUIT

- 43. Hard Cider
- 44. Apple
- 45. Peach
- 46. Blueberry
- 47. Blackberry
- 48. Raspberry (*Red or black*)
- 49. Strawberry
- 50. Fruit Blend
- 51. Blends with non-Fruit
- 52. Dessert Fruit (*>3.5% RS*)
- 53. Honey/Mead
- 54. Fortified
- 55. Low/non-alcohol
- 56. Other (*>3.5% RS*)

CATEGORIES: AMATEUR

SECTION 101

AMATEUR

MEDALS PER CLASS: Double Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze

ROSETTES: Best White Dry Wine, Best Red Dry Wine, Best White Sweet Wine, Best Red Sweet Wine, Best Dessert & Fruit Wine, Best Amateur Trophy - Best in Show

- 60. White Vinifera
- 61. White Hybrid
- 62. White Native
- 63. Cabernet Franc
- 64. Cabernet Sauvignon
- 65. Merlot
- 66. Red Vinifera Blend
- 67. Red Hybrid
- 68. Red Hybrid Blend
- 69. Red Native, Norton, Cynthiana
- 70. Other Red (*Dry*)
- 71. White Muscadine
- 72. Red Muscadine
- 73. Dessert
- 74. Fruit
- 75. Sparkling
- 76. Sweet Other
- 77. Honey/Mead
- 78. Hard Cider
- 79. Fortified Wines

