

2021 NC State Fair Commercial Wine Competition



Judging will be done on September 22, 2021.

Entries may be received from August 23, 2021 thru September 7, 2021.

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Entries may be received between August 23, 2021 thru September 7, 2021. Pre-Registration is required. Deliver or ship entries to either of the locations listed below. Call before delivery to ensure you arrive during open business hours.

Gregory Vineyards
ATTN: NC Wine Competition
275 Bowling Spring Drive
Angier, NC 27501
(919) 369-3860

OR

Windsor Run Cellars
ATTN: NC Wine Competition
6531 Windsor Road
Hamptonville, NC 27020
(336) 468-9274

GENERAL RULES

1. Entrant must be the producer of the wine.
2. Varieties of grapes/fruits (i.e. Chardonnay, Carlos, Peach, etc. – “Muscadine” is not a varietal) and residual sugar must be entered in percentages (%) on the entry form. Entries listing quantities in other units of measurement will NOT be judged. Failure to submit varietal and/or residual sugar percentages may result in disqualification.
3. Exhibitor may visit ncstatefair.org or ncwine.org for competition results. Winners will be displayed at the NC State Fair in the Education Building, October 14-24, 2021.
4. The general Rules and Regulations of the Fair will govern this department, except in cases of conflict, where the following Rules and Regulations will prevail. Be sure to read the [Rules and Regulations of the Fair](#) before entering or competing in this department.
5. Only federally and NC ABC permitted wineries may enter the commercial wine competition.
6. Entrants must submit two (2) 750ml bottles, or three (3) 375ml bottles, of each entry for the Commercial Competition. Superintendents will use unopened wine for educational and promotional purposes at their discretion. Wines sent to the competition incorrectly will not be returned.
7. Only wines made from at least 75% NC fruit are eligible to compete in the Commercial Competition. Each wine entered will be required to list: Grape Varietal(s)/Fruit Type(s)/Honey Contents by Percentage, the Harvest Date for each component, and where these components were harvested. i.e.:

- ABC Wine from 123 Winery
 - Merlot (60%), October 12, 2014, Surry County NC
 - Cabernet Franc (40%), October 20, 2014, Yadkin County NC

By submission of your wines, you are verifying the information entered is correct. Winning wines may be subject to verification by the NC Wine and Grape Council prior to announcement of awards, wines entered falsely will be disqualified.

8. The judges award medals based upon merit for Double Gold, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. There is no limit to the number of medals awarded in each category. Judges measure wines based on over-all quality. Wines entered will not be judged against other entries for medals. Top wines will be judged against other entries for the Best of Show awards.
9. If you have a wine that is a blend of grapes and other fruit, it will be judged in the category of the predominant ingredient, i.e. a wine that is 90% Sauvignon Blanc and 10% Peach will be judged in the Bunch Grape category with the White Blends.
10. Entry fee: \$25.⁰⁰ per wine entered. Wines may be shipped or delivered to Gregory Vineyards or Windsor Run Cellars, see previous page for details.
11. All entries must be processed through Enofile Online [www.enofileonline.com]. If you do not currently use Enofile Online [www.enofileonline.com], you will need to create an account for your winery then build a profile for each of your wines. Once you have your wines entered, you will choose the “EASY ENTER” tab at the top of the page and select the competition you wish to enter, “**2021 NC STATE FAIR COMMERCIAL WINE COMPETITION**” then select the wines you wish to enter, from the profiles you just created. The last step is to review and pay – all payments must be made online and paid with a credit/debit card. Upon completion, print the profiles for each wine entered and send them in with the wines.
12. Best of Show awards will be given in the categories of “Best Bunch Grape Wine”, “Best Muscadine Wine”, and “Best Fruit/Honey Wine”. The Best of Show awards will be judged and presented live at the NC State Fair on October 18, 2021 in Dorton Arena – check the ‘Daily Schedule’ at www.ncstatefair.org for event details. All wines eligible for a Best of Show award will be reviewed and verified to ensure they are made of a minimum 75% NC grapes/fruit/honey prior to Best of Show judging.

JUDGING

Wines will be judged blind, judges will not see the wine bottle, nor will they receive any indication of which exhibitor entered the wine. Judges will only receive information of the fruit content percentages and residual sugars in the wine. All wine categories are eligible to win the following awards: Double Gold, Gold, Silver and Bronze. Judges evaluate wine using the American Wine Society 20-point scale:

Appearance	3 points max
Aroma/Bouquet	6 points max
Taste/Texture	6 points max
Aftertaste	3 points max
<u>Overall Impression</u>	<u>2 points max</u>
Total Score	20 points max