



# 2019 Texas Vine 100% Texas Wine Competition Official Rules and Guidelines

## Registration

Registration dates for the 2019 Texas Wine Competition will start April 15<sup>th</sup> thru June 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration will take place at [www.brownfieldchamber.com/winecompetitor](http://www.brownfieldchamber.com/winecompetitor) or by mail, forms may be requested by calling (806)637-2564, forms may also be requested at and submitted to [director@brownfieldchamber.com](mailto:director@brownfieldchamber.com).

## Judging Dates

Judging dates will be June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 and will take place in Brownfield Texas.

## Fees

An Administration Fee of \$75 will be charged to all wineries entering the competition unless you are a Brownfield Chamber of Commerce member. Wine entries will have a \$25 fee per entry.

## Payment Options

Payment options will be online at [www.brownfieldchamber.com](http://www.brownfieldchamber.com), check by mail to P.O. Box 152 Brownfield TX 79316, or credit card over the phone at (806) 637-2564.

## Description of Competition

- A. The Texas Vine 100% Wine Competition is currently the ONLY Wine Competition in Texas that features only wine that contains 100% Texas Fruit.
- B. All Bonded Wineries that make 100% Texas wine are eligible to enter the wine competition.
- C. No Entries from grapes grown outside of Texas are eligible to enter.
- D. Judges are carefully selected for their ability to affect wine sales in the distribution and retail trade, knowledge of specific varietals and years of experience.
- E. All entrant wineries are invited to pour their award winning wines at the Grape Capital of Texas Vineyard Festival August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, in Brownfield, Texas. This allows wineries to showcase their wines to over 1,000 consumers and attendees.

## Delivery & Shipping

The deadline for receiving wine entries for the competition is 5pm Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Each wine entry shipment should consist of one of the following

- 4 identical 750ml bottles
- 3 identical 1.5 liter bottles
- 6 identical 375 ml bottles
- 5 identical 500 ml bottles
- 1 5L Box
- 8 cans



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Unused wines for the competition will not be returned to the winery. All wines leftover will be used for competition staffing and beneficiary purposes of the Texas Vine 100% Wine Competition.

Receiving times for hand delivery or shipping are 9:00AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday. No deliveries will be accepted on Saturday, Sunday or Holidays.

Include copy of registration form with shipping containers and mark boxes with winery name.  
Ship wine entries to:

2019 Texas Vine Wine Competition  
Chamber of Commerce  
221 Lubbock Rd  
Brownfield, TX 79316

## **Wine Entry Rules**

Every entry must fill out the entry form for the winery.

Every entry must fill out entry form for each wine entered. Each form must specify the following:

- Name of Wine
- Appellation
- Estate/Vineyard/Other
- Alcohol %
- Residual Sugar %
- Suggested Retail
- Category
- Single or Blended Varietal

There is not limit to the number of entries per winery.

All individual wine entries must be available for public purchase at the time of the competition.

## **Entry Fees**

Entry fees must be paid prior to deadline.

## **Cancellation Policy**

In the event the competition is cancelled, no wines will be returned. Entry fees will be refunded within 60 days.

## **Verification**

Each wine must be accompanied by a signed verification form from the Winery stating that each wine entry is made of 100% Texas fruit.



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## Categories

Table, Sparkling, Fortified, Fruit and Specialty wines produced in any wine producing region in Texas that meet the applicable federal legal requirements for sale in the United States are eligible for entry.

The following are the categories:

- Red
- White
- Rose
- Dessert
- Sparkling
- Fortified

## Judging and Awards

Judges are carefully selected for their ability to affect wine sales in the distribution/retail trade, knowledge of specific varietals and/or years of experience.

No winery staff will participate in the backroom coordination or the judging.

A Preliminary Elimination or Retain Round will be held if the number of entries in a class warrants. A second bottle will be judged in the event the first bottle is determined to be seriously flawed.

If an insufficient number of entries are submitted in a specific class, entries will be judged with a related class using grape variety and residual sugar as the basis for class relocation. If more than five wines of a specific grape variety are submitted in the “other” division of any competition, the competition committee reserves the right to create an additional class.

Double Gold, Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded on a merit basis.

## Best Varietal Judging and Awards

Best Varietal awards will be selected from the Gold medal winners and will be judged prior to the Double Gold judging.

Blanc du Bois, Chardonnay, Rousanne, Viognier, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Sangiovese, Tempranillo, Zinfandel, Fortified Wine, and Rose’.

If no wine wins a gold medal in the Best Varietal Category, no judging for Best Varietal in that category will occur.

The Competition reserves the right to add or change a Best Varietal category based on gold medal results.

## Double Gold Award

- Double Gold White
- Double Gold Red
- Double Gold Rose’
- Double Gold Dessert
- Double Gold Fortified



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### **Disclaimer, Liability**

The Competition, its service contractors, and any officer, staff member sponsor or director of the same shall not be responsible for the safety of the wines from theft or damage by fire, accident, vandalism or other causes. The competitor expressly waives and releases any claim or demand that he or she may have against any of them by reason of any damage to, or loss of, any wine entered in the competition.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Competition shall not be liable for failure to perform caused by an act of God, fire, flood, wind, rain, storm, electrical failure, strike, labor dispute, riot, insurrection, war or other causes beyond its control.