



HOME WINE COMPETITION

ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE & DROP-OFF: FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025

ENTRY FEE	AGES	SKILL LEVEL
One-Time \$25 per Exhibitor	21 & Up	Amateur & Professionals
Exhibitors will be allowed entries throughout all the Erie County Fair Competitions. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Monday, July 28, 2025.		
ALL WINE MUST BE DROPPED OFF BY 5:00 PM ON JULY 18, 2025. ALL WINE MUST BE PICKED UP BY 5:00 PM SEPTEMBER 1, 2025.		
1 ST PLACE GOLD MEDALLION	2 ND PLACE SILVER MEDALLION	3 RD PLACE BRONZE MEDALLION

Please call the Competitive Exhibits office at 716-649-3900 ext. 6407 or email ceoffice@ecfair.org with all questions.

Home Wine Competition Rules:

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair and Creative Arts Department rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Friday, July 18, 2025.** Entries not registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page at www.ecfair.org.
3. Open to any amateur winemaker, 21 years or older, who is a resident of New York State.
4. No exhibitor shall be involved in commercial winemaking or use the services of a commercial winemaking facility.
5. All wines must be produced and bottled in New York State by the exhibitor. Any wine entered in competition becomes the property of the Erie County Agricultural Society.
6. Two (2) bottles (750ml) or (3.75 ml) per entry. Each bottle must be labeled with the following: (1) name of wine, (2) class number, (3) grape or fruit variety, (4) winemakers name. (One (1) bottle will be used for the first pour of the competition. The second bottle will be used for display during Erie County Fair, re-pours and Best of Show)
7. Awards will be presented to winning wines upon completion of the competition. Wines with appropriate labels will be on display throughout the Fair.
8. The decision of the judges shall be final.
9. All exhibitors will receive a brief critique of the wines entered.
10. Wines must be dropped off/received for judging NO LATER THAN Friday, July 18, 2025 to the Fairgrounds Main Office.
 - The Erie County Fair Competitive Exhibits Office, 5600 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, NY 14075, (716) 649-3900, ext. 6407

****Please give as much detail as possible to assist in judging properly in the description****

For Your Information: Grape Origin

- Native Grapes – North American originated grapes (e.g. Niagara, Delaware, Dutchess, Scuppernong, Concord, etc.)
- Vinifera – European originated grapes (e.g. Chardonnay, Riesling, Gewurztraminer, Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Merlot, Pinot Noir)
- Hybrid – grapes crossed with one or more species of grapes (e.g. Seyval, Vidal, Native/Vinifera, Vinifera/Vinifera)
- Fruit Wine – Any wine with fruit in it will automatically be in the fruit class, even if fruit is not the main ingredient.



CLASSES

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1. Vinifera – White
2. Hybrid – White
3. Native – White
4. Vinifera – Red
5. Hybrid – Red
6. Native – Red
7. Rose – Blush or Pink Grapes
8. Fruit (non-grape)
9. Any Other Variety (non-grape, e.g. dandelion, honey)
10. Fortified Wines
11. Sparkling – All Types

12. Bottle Label Contest (Specify at drop off which entry is to be used) – Award will be based on the best use of the 2025 Erie County Fair Competitive Exhibits Theme “Sights, Sounds, Tastes, and Feels of the Fair”.