



Dear Wine Producer/ Importer,

RE: 2020 DENVER INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
(NOTE: URGENT DEADLINES!)

We are writing to cordially invite you to submit your best wines into the 2020 Denver International Wine Competition, which will be held June 13-14, 2020 at the Omni Interlocken Resort, Broomfield, Colorado.

The Denver International Wine Competition is the premier international wine competition in the Rockies. This competition is designed to give added exposure to your wines, in one of the nations dynamic wine markets!

The competition is organized by Wine Country Network, Inc, the publisher's of Wine Country International® magazine, and the producers of the Denver International Wine Festival. Wine Country Network selects a prestigious panel of Colorado based and nationally recognized wine professionals from the on premise restaurant; wine wholesale, hospitality and culinary fields. The goal is to create a well-rounded panel of experts that taste and scores wines with a "double-blind" system, achieving the fairest scoring results possible.

Partial list of past judges:

- Doug Krenik, MS, European Wine Specialist, Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits of Colorado
- Timothy Baldwin, F&B Director, The Little Nell
- Brandon Tebe, MS
- Randy Caparoso, Journalist & Wine Consultant, Formerly of Roy's
- Jeff Reebie, Wine Director & Sommelier, Elway's Downtown, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Denver
- Andrew Killham, Sommelier, Denver Country Club
- Albin Madurel, Food & Beverage Consultant
- Sean Razee, MS, Division Manager, Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits of Colorado

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Partial list of past judges(continued):

- Shelley Sale, Portfolio Manager II, Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits of Colorado
- Natalie Guinovart, Sommelier & President, Wine for Thought, LLC
- Carol Chamberlain, Sommelier, Certified Wine Instructor, The International Wine & Spirits Guild, President of President of Joie de Vin, LLC
- Alicia Gonzales, Sommelier, The Cosmopolitan, Telluride, CO
- Kristen Lindelow, Sommelier and National Wine Judge
- William Davis CWE CSS CMS AS, Director of Education, Wilson Daniels

While the DIWC is affiliated with the Denver International Wine Festival, which takes place November 11 to 13, 2020 in Denver. This competition is open to all wineries worldwide. Medal winning wines will be posted on the competition website within 72 hours of the competition. Posted winners will remain listed for a period of one year, until the next competition takes place. Wine Country Network conducts an aggressive publicity campaign generating valuable media exposure for all winners.

EXCLUSIVE GOLD MEDAL EVENT FOR ADDED EXPOSURE!

Pairsine Chefs Fine Food & Wine Pairing Competition
Thursday November 12,2020, 6 to 9pm at the Denver Marriott
Westminster.

Only 2020 Gold medal-winning wineries will be invited to participate in this special "live" chef's food & wine food pairing competition, featuring 10 of Colorado's most celebrated chefs, competing to win awards for their best custom paired dishes. Our 2006 & 2007 "Best Chef" was Hosea Rosenberg, winner of Bravo's Top Chef, Season 5 Television Show.

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Pairsine is a favorite highlight of The Denver International Wine Festival. Live and silent auctions will also be held, with 100% of their proceeds benefiting There With Care. The evening will be limited to 400 guests. If your wine wins a Gold Medal, we will request that you donate 2 cases/24 bottles for this event. Participation is optional.

EXCITING NEW FEATURES:

- Awards for “Best of Show” wines based on the highest overall scores.
- Judges will award “Best of Show Overall”, “Best of Show White Wine” and “Best of Show Red Wine” with a Double Gold Medal.
- Expanded Organic, Boxed and Canned wine categories!
- Popular wine categories will be divided into different price categories, resulting in a fairer competition, yielding more medal winning wines!

2020 RULES AND LIMITATIONS:

All wineries and importers with current or desired distribution in the State of Colorado are eligible. International wineries are responsible for all importing costs, duties & shipping required to deliver their wines to our facility. International entrants without a US importer, will need to obtain a COLA Waiver and US FDA Permit, BEFORE, shipping wine samples to us. We have a reliable importer that can provide assistance.

Only 750 ML wine bottles priced at \$8.00 or over will be accepted. Other specialty sizes will be accepted at the discretion of the competition chairman.

The competition categories listed on the accompanying sheets are subject to change. The competition chairman reserves the right to add or remove categories as required (i.e. larger or smaller than anticipated submission quantities)

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POPULAR Wines will be divided into THREE (3-4) retail price categories:

\$8.00 to \$15.00 (consumer) and \$15.01 to \$24.99 (premium), \$25 to \$49.99 (ultra-premium) and over \$50 (luxury). The competition chairman reserves the right to combine price categories or other suitable categories if the number of entries in certain categories is insufficient.

Entrants must also submit a list along with their wines and the attached registration form which details the following information: full name and vintage, grape variety, name of supplier, current retail price, alcohol and sugar content.

To enter wines in a varietal/varietal blend category, the grape variety/varieties must be specified on the label or on a product information sheet accompanying the entries. All varietals must contain at least 75% of the varietal, or they must be entered in a blend category.

2020 Entry Process:

The Denver International Wine Competition is now paperless. All entries are made online via ENOFILE ONLINE.

To enter online, click on this link:

<https://enofileonline.com/landing.aspx?competitionID=2683>

Entry Fee: \$80

Bottles/Wine Required:

General requirement: (4) 750 ML Bottles
Ice & Desert Wines: (6) 375 ML Bottles
Boxed Wines: (2) 3-Liter Minimum
Canned Wines: (8) 375 ml cans

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Revised! Wine Shipment Schedule:

Please ship your wines, with a copy of your entry form receipt to arrive at our location between: March 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020.

Please note: All wines are stored in a temperature-controlled cellar.

Wine Delivery Address:

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Delivery Deadline: June 5, 2020

ENTRY FEE PAYMENTS:

- Should be paid at the time of submitting your entries online with a credit card.
- For company checks, please make your check to “Wine Country Network, Inc”, and include the check in your wine shipment.
- Mark your box, “Paperwork Inside”. Include a business card & packing list.

Products delivered after the late delivery deadline of June 19, 2019 will not be included, judged or returned.

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Important!

All entry fees must be paid before the competition begins. Payments must be received no later than June 5, 2020. Payments not received by this deadline, will cause disqualification. Wines will not be returned.

Please make sure to include your suggested retail price on the entry forms. Wines will be tasted in price groups.

Shipping Requirements:

- Use UPS or Fed Ex only.
- Hand delivery may be arranged by appointment. Call 719 488-1800.
- Do not use the US Post Office.
- Do not ship international shipments directly to us. All overseas shipment must be cleared first by your importer. After customs clearance, your importer can ship to us via UPS or Fed Ex.
- Do not ship wine to our PO Box. Ship only to the street address.
- Use approved wine shipping boxes or strong boxes with thoroughly bubble-wrapped bottles.
- Do Not Use Styrofoam Peanuts as they are made in the same factory as Twinkies (and last for centuries!) Bad, Bad, Bad!
- If you must use peanuts, please respect your world and invest in environmentally safe alternatives to Styrofoam.
- Abusers are subject to having their cars filled with Styrofoam peanuts!

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We look forward to receiving your wine submissions. Thank you for your support! Good luck!

Cordially,

Christopher J. Davies

Darcy R. Davies

Christopher J. Davies
Co-Chair

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PS: Please visit the official competition website:
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Follow our company co-founder on **Twitter @vinotasting**

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