



## LA International Wine Judge Job Description

### Join one of the oldest and most prestigious Wine Competitions in the US - Los Angeles International Wine Competition

Are you a seasoned wine professional, a leader in the industry, with a discerning palate and a passion for excellence in winemaking? Look no further! We are thrilled to announce that the Los Angeles International Wine Competition is seeking Wine Judges to be part of our esteemed panel.

**About Us:** Established in 1935, the Los Angeles International Wine Competition was founded to celebrate the end of prohibition and has since evolved into one of the most prestigious wine competitions in the United States. As the original LA wine competition, we take pride in recognizing outstanding winemaking and promoting the finest wines from around the world. Our competition is held on the grounds of Fairplex, home of the LA County Fair, which offers a captivating and immersive wine-judging experience.

**Responsibilities:** As a Wine Judge for the Los Angeles International Wine Competition, you will play a pivotal role in evaluating and recognizing the best wines submitted to our esteemed event. Your responsibilities will include:

- **Blind Tastings and Evaluations:** Utilizing your extensive wine knowledge and expertise, conduct blind tastings to assess wines based on competition guidelines, including flavor profiles, appearance, aroma, and overall quality.
- **Promoting the Competition:** Actively participate in promoting our competition by engaging with industry peers and potential participants, encouraging entries, and fostering a sense of excitement and anticipation.
- **Social Media Advocacy:** Share your experiences and positive feedback on social media platforms, amplifying the impact and reach of the competition.
- **Teaching Wine Classes:** Selected judges will have the opportunity to return to Fairplex to teach wine classes using the gold-medal-winning wines, imparting knowledge and insights to wine enthusiasts.
- **Ambassador Roles:** For candidates interested in ambassador positions, there will be opportunities to host and/or introduce our marketing team to potential wineries, further expanding the competition's reach and influence.

### Requirements:

- **Top-tier Wine Industry Professionals:** We are seeking candidates who are at the pinnacle of their careers in the wine industry, possessing exceptional expertise and leadership qualities.
- **Preferred Education:** A strong educational background in wine, such as WSET or other wine certifications, is preferred but not mandatory.
- **Promotional Abilities:** Candidates must have a natural flair for promotion and be willing to actively promote the competition and encourage participation.
- **Social Media Savvy:** Proficiency in social media platforms and a willingness to share positive content about the competition.
- **Teaching Aptitude:** For candidates interested in teaching wine classes, the ability to impart knowledge in an engaging and informative manner is essential.
- **Ambassadorial Skills:** For ambassador positions, strong networking and communication skills are necessary, with the drive to represent the competition professionally.

**Benefits:** Working with the Los Angeles International Wine Competition offers a unique opportunity to be part of a longstanding tradition of celebrating excellence in winemaking. Being associated with our esteemed competition will undoubtedly elevate your standing in the wine community and open doors to exciting opportunities in the industry.

As an esteemed Wine Judge, we deeply value your commitment and dedication, and as a gesture of appreciation, we are thrilled to present a benefits package that goes beyond monetary rewards. Our sought-after event, renowned for its exceptional food and captivating location, offers an experience where the connections, networking opportunities, and friendships forged are truly priceless.

Here's what our exclusive benefits package includes:

- **Stipend:** Wine Judges will receive a \$100 stipend for each day serving on our esteemed panel, with additional remuneration available for those who take on ambassadorial roles. We want to ensure that your efforts are duly recognized and rewarded.
- **Travel Made Easy:** Recognizing the importance of having the best talent on our judging panel, we happily reimburse reasonable travel expenses for judges coming from outside the Los Angeles area to join us at Fairplex for the on-site judging sessions.
- **Comfortable Accommodations and Delectable Meals:** Your comfort and satisfaction are paramount. While you serve as a Judge, we take care of your accommodations and provide delightful meals, allowing you to focus on the enriching experience ahead.
- **Networking Opportunities:** As a Wine Judge and/or Ambassador for our competition, you will have unparalleled networking opportunities. Connect with industry leaders, winemakers, and fellow wine enthusiasts, to build valuable relationships that can shape your career in the wine world.
- **Promotional Exposure:** Being part of the Los Angeles International Wine Competition brings considerable exposure. Your name and expertise will be featured in competition

materials, press releases, and online platforms, enhancing your professional reputation and recognition.

- **Educational Growth:** Engaging with a diverse range of wines and interacting with other top professionals will continually expand your knowledge and expertise in the wine industry. The opportunity to teach wine classes with gold-medal-winning wines will further enhance your teaching skills and add to your teaching portfolio.
- **Competition Awards and Recognition:** As a Wine Judge, your role in selecting the winners of our competition will be recognized and celebrated during award ceremonies and on our website. Your expertise and contribution will be integral to the success and prestige of the Los Angeles International Wine Competition.

Join us as we continue the legacy of excellence and passion for wines at the Los Angeles International Wine Competition. Together, let's shape the future of the wine industry and celebrate outstanding winemaking achievements.

*To apply, please submit your updated CV, a brief cover letter explaining your interest, and any relevant wine industry accomplishments to Spreti Valente at [spretivalente@gmail.com](mailto:spretivalente@gmail.com). We look forward to welcoming new talent to the Los Angeles International Wine Competition family.*