LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

COMPETITION GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

DOMESTIC ENTRIES

Los Angeles International Wine Competition
Judging March 31- April 1, 2027
Spreti Valente, Wine Chair

The Los Angeles International Wine Competition and its panel of esteem judges invite you to participate in the 92nd anniversary competition.

1. **ENTRY FEE** [1] – **EARLY BIRD** - $95 per entry received before January 29, 2027. **TRADITIONAL** - $120 per entry beginning January 30, 2027. **LATE FEE** $145 beginning March 6 – March 12, 2027. Payment may be made by credit card: Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, by U.S. check payable to: "Los Angeles County Fair Association", or by wire transfer. Please email a copy of the wire transfer to the Competitions office at competitions@fairplex.com. Entry fee must accompany entry form to be eligible for competition.

   *Early bird discounted fees must be paid by January 29, 2027, to qualify.
   *All other entry fees must be received by the entry deadline March 5, 2027, to be entered to the 2027 competition. **LATE FEE** $145 beginning March 6 – March 12, 2027.

   Wire Transfer Information

Bank:	Fifth Third Bank, N.A.
Bank Representative:	Blanca Salcedo + 1 (630) 801-2846
Bank Address:	38 Fountain Sq Plaza, Cincinnati, OH. 45202
Beneficiary Account No:	7029167520
Account Name:	Los Angeles County Fair Association Account 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768 USA
Reference:	"Wine Competition"
ACH/Wire Routing No:	042000314
Swift Code:	FTBCUS3C

2. **SHIPPING** – International wines will be accepted through March 12, 2027. Shipments are received on weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. All wines entered MUST BE SHIPPED PREPAID. The competition is not responsible for any customs or shipping charges.

   Please identify the name of winery outside of each case and mark the number of cases (i.e. 1/2, 2/2, etc.)
   Ship or mail to:

   Los Angeles County Fair Association
   c/o: Los Angeles International Wine Competition
   1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768

Please include the entry form and fees with wines in box marked #1, OR you may mail them separately.

[1] *Entry fees are non-refundable*
[2] *Entries after submitted, become property of the Los Angeles International Wine Competition*

For more information, please contact our International Competitions Dept., (909) 865-4538, or email competitions@fairplex.com.

All WINE BOTTLES: Must have a label affixed to the back of the bottle that contains the US Government Warning and carry a statement these bottles are "TRADE SAMPLES – Not for Resale

The statement reads as follows and should be 2mm to 3mm in size.

GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS OUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE MACHINERY, AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.
Trade Samples – Not for Resale – Contains Sulfites

3. **ENTRIES** [2] – An entry shall consist of at least six (6) bottles. PLEASE LIST CLASS/CATEGORY NUMBERS ON ENTRY FORM. Entries are assigned random judging codes and then placed on storage racks in our cellar separated into categories. All deliveries should be received by the shipping deadline **(March 12),** allowing ample time for wines to recover from transportation bottle shock before being judged. Before judging, servers place codes on the tasting glasses, and the wines are carefully poured into the proper glasses. The coded tasting glasses are then placed in front of each judge. Each judge tastes the wine and makes selections independently.

4. **Judging**: The Los Angeles International Wine Competition uses a 100-point scoring system based on Appearance, Aroma, Taste, and Finish.
   The decision of the judges is final, and no changes will be made to awards after the judging is complete.

5. **Awards and Medals**: We award Gold, Silver, Bronze Best of Class, Best of Division and Best of Show. An award or medal is given to a producer for a particular wine produced. Best of Class awards will be awarded by division, category. Best of Class wines will compete for Best of Division. Best of Division wines will compete for the "Don Galleano Award" in honor of Don Galleano. The Los Angeles International Wine Competition will offer, for purchase, Best of Show, Best of Division, Best of Class, Gold, Silver, and Bronze award seals to the producers that won these awards.

6. **Results:** April 12, 2027, the competition results will be posted on the website www.LAWineComp.com.

7. May 6 - 31, 2027 is the Los Angeles County Fair. All International Competition award-winning products will be displayed in the Tasting Room. There will also be gold medal wine and olive oil tastings, and education seminars featuring entrants from Olive Oil, Wine, Spirits and Dairy competitions in the Tasting Room education classroom.

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