



2026 **WineMaker**[®]
International Amateur
WINE COMPETITION

1,043 entries judged April 24-26 at the Mount Snow Grand Summit Lodge in West Dover, Vermont

From April 24-26, 2026, a total of 1,043 different wines were judged at the Mount Snow Grand Summit Lodge in West Dover, Vermont. This year marks the 23rd year of the event and it continues to be the largest wine competition for home winemakers in the world. The 1,043 entries arrived from hobby winemakers living throughout North America in 40 American states and four Canadian provinces and five different countries. It is the single largest and most diverse collection of hobby wines assembled annually under one roof. Over the course of three days, experienced judging panels examined each wine using the UC-Davis 20-point wine scale evaluating appearance, aroma, taste, aftertaste, and overall impression. The wines were entered in 50 different categories and included an astonishing array of varietals and wine styles. Kit wines competed alongside fresh-grape entries in this blind tasting. Entries were awarded gold, silver, bronze

and best of show medals based on the average score given by the judging panel. The Gene Spaziani Grand Champion Wine award was the top overall scoring wine across all categories. The Club of the Year was given to the club whose members won the most medals and the Retailer of the Year and U-Vint of the Year awards were given to the winemaking supply stores whose customers outperformed other similar shops. Finally the Winemaker of the Year award was given to the individual entrant who has the highest average score across their top 5 scoring wines in the competition.

Congratulations to everyone who won a medal, and a sincere thanks to our sponsors, Competition Director Ric Quental, Events Manager Jannell Kristiansen, our judges, competition volunteers, and of course everyone who took time to enter. Cheers to 23 years of the competition and thanks for entering your wines!

GENE SPAZIANI GRAND CHAMPION WINE

Tonya Jackson Smallwood
Spotsylvania, Virginia
100% Winexpert Après Chocolate Raspberry
Dessert Wine 2024

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WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR

Robert X. Joakimson
Concord, California

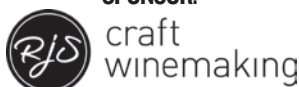
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BEST OF SHOW RED

Bryan Gildersleeve
Maple Valley, Washington
97% Syrah, 3% Viognier 2024

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BEST OF SHOW WHITE

David Flegle
Indiana, Pennsylvania
100% Diamond 2025

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BEST OF SHOW DESSERT

Robert X. Joakimson
Concord, California
100% Elephant Heart Plum Port 2025

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BEST OF SHOW COUNTRY FRUIT

Robert X. Joakimson
Concord, California
85% Red Raspberry, 15% Milano
Chocolate 2025

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Paul Gulsrud
Bell Canyon, California
100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2024

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BEST OF SHOW SPARKLING

Ron Mensink
Madison, Wisconsin
100% Chenin Blanc 2022

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BEST OF SHOW MEAD

Jeremy Pentico
St. Louis, Missouri
100% Wildflower Honey 2022

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BEST OF SHOW KIT/CONCENTRATE

Sandy Shivas
Ilion, New York
100% RJS Craft Winemaking Cru Specialty
Raspberry Mocha Dessert Wine 2022

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CLUB OF THE YEAR

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U-VINT OF THE YEAR

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White Native American Varietal

9 Entries

SILVER

David Flegle • Indiana, PA
100% Catawba 2025
Robert M. Rosser • Boaz, AL
100% Estate Carlos Muscadine 2024

BRONZE

Thomas DeLong • Mentor, OH
100% Finger Lakes Diamond 2025
Frank Norris • Curwensville, PA
100% Diamond 2024

Red Native American Varietal

12 Entries

GOLD

Michael Barbacano • Pottstown, PA
100% Concord 2024

SILVER

Dan Saul • Zeeland, MI
80% Concord, 20% Mixed Berry 2023
Frank Norris • Curwensville, PA
100% Concord 2022

BRONZE

Robert M. Rosser • Boaz, AL
100% Noble Red Muscadine 2024
Patricia Torres • Ranchita, CA
100% Estate Concord 2024
Steven Waring • Hays, KS
85% Estate Mars, 15% Petite Sirah 2022

Red Native American Blend

2 Entries

GOLD

Jerry Glentz • Holmen, WI
50% Estate Concord, 40% Estate Beta 2024

BRONZE

James Penrod • Shawnee, KS
42% Chambourcin, 39% Norton,
19% Cabernet Sauvignon 2024

Blush/Rosé Native American

3 Entries

SILVER

Michael Roman • Belvidere, IL
100% Estate Concord 2025

BRONZE

Dan Saul • Zeeland, MI
100% Catawba 2025

White French-American Hybrid Varietal

42 Entries

GOLD

Michael Barbacano • Pottstown, PA
100% Vignoles 2024
Jerry Glentz • Holmen, WI
100% Brianna 2025
Larry Roux • N. Syracuse, NY
100% Valvin Muscat 2025
Greg Stricker • St. Charles, MO
83% Traminette, 17% Seyval 2024
Greg Stricker • St. Charles, MO
83% Traminette, 17% Riesling 2024

SILVER

Thomas DeLong • Mentor, OH
100% Finger Lakes Vignoles 2025
Dwight Kinnes • Palisade, CO
100% Traminette 2025
Mike Lusic • Jordan, MN
94% Estate Frontenac Blanc, 6% Estate
Prairie Star 2025
Mike Lusic • Jordan, MN
100% Estate Clarion 2025
Valerie Marchesi • Junction City, KS
100% Vignoles 2024
Justin Bosonetto and Tom Morelli
Manchester, MI
100% Traminette 2023
Larry Roux • N. Syracuse, NY
100% Aromello 2025
Larry Roux • N. Syracuse, NY
100% Estate Traminette 2025
Larry Roux • N. Syracuse, NY
100% Traminette 2025
Jodi Frank and Peter Wronski
Charlestown, RI
100% Estate Traminette 2024
Jodi Frank and Peter Wronski
Charlestown, RI
100% Estate Traminette 2025

BRONZE

Joey DeCarlo • Hudson, WI
100% Itasca 2023
John Edlund • Macedon, NY
100% Aromella 2024
Thomas Hatch • Williamson, NY
100% Traminette 2023
Rodney Kazmerzak • Sun Prairie, WI
100% La Crescent 2024
Rodney Kazmerzak • Sun Prairie, WI
75% Vidal Blanc, 25% Frontenac
Gris 2024
Mike Lusic • Jordan, MN
100% Prairie Star 2025
James Skufis • Ann Arbor, MI
100% Chardonné 2025
Greg Stricker • St. Charles, MO
83% Chardonné, 17% Niagara 2024
Greg Stricker • St. Charles, MO
80% Seyval, 20% Traminette 2024
Greg Stricker • St. Charles, MO
85% Vignoles, 17% Viognier 2024
Jodi Frank and Peter Wronski
Charlestown, RI
100% Estate Traminette 2024

White French-American Hybrid Blend

7 Entries

SILVER

David Flegle • Indiana, PA
55% Ravat 51, 45% Diamond 2025

BRONZE

Jeff Davis • Mt. Pleasant, PA
40% Estate Vidal Blanc, 30% Estate
Seyval Blanc, 30% Estate Traminette 2023
Jeremy Fuelling • Marshall, WI
40% Estate Lacrosse, 25% Estate
St. Pepin, 20% Estate Itasca, 15% Estate
Brianna 2024
Stephen Habay • Middletown, DE
100% Finer Wines Chardonnay Sauvignon
Blanc Moscato Riesling 2024

Mike Lusic • Jordan, MN
46% Blanco Speciale ES-4-23-60,
29% Prairie Star, 25% Itasca 2025
JT Russell • Cincinnati, OH
35% Seyval, 22% Aromella,
43% Traminette 2024

Red French-American Hybrid Varietal

35 Entries

GOLD

Brian and Debra Seipel • East Lansing, MI
85% Estate Marquette, 15% Michigan
State University Marquette 2025
Paul Todys • Milford, OH
87% Ohio Chambourcin, 13% Petite
Sirah 2024

SILVER

Barry Friedman • Brooklyn, NY
92% Marquette, 8% Zinfandel 2025
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92% Marquette, 8% Zinfandel 2025
Rodney Kazmerzak • Sun Prairie, WI
83% Petite Pearl, 17% Petite Sirah 2023
Paul Keller • Waterloo, WI
100% Petite Pearl 2023
Mike Lusic • Jordan, MN
80% Petite Pearl, 20% Prairie Star 2024
Justin Bosonetto and Tom Morelli
Manchester, MI
100% Chambourcin 2023
Bruce Van Houten • Alto, MI
97% Estate St. Croix, 3% Oregon
Dark Sweet Cherry 2023
Bruce Van Houten • Alto, MI
99% Estate Leon Millot, 1% Black
Cherry 2023

BRONZE

Todd and Terry Giese • Bull Valley, IL
100% Estate Marechal Foch,
ungrafted 2025
Les Hardin • Cleveland, OH
100% Estate Chambourcin 2022
Hasani Hooks • Raleigh, NC
80% Estate Chambourcin, 20% Estate
Cabernet Sauvignon 2021
Heath Jaquish and Ron Jaquish
Rotterdam, NY
100% Marquette 2024
Mike Lusic • Jordan, MN
100% Crimson Pearl 2024
Bill Macecevic • North East, PA
100% Estate Regent 2025
Wendell Martin • Meridian, ID
100% Estate Frontenac 2024
Larry Roux • N. Syracuse, NY
100% Baco Noir 2025
Larry Roux • N. Syracuse, NY
100% Estate Marechal Foch 2025
James M. Shirilla • Petoskey, MI
100% Marquette 2025
James M. Shirilla • Petoskey, MI
100% Marquette 2024
Ellen Weaver • Sun Prairie, WI
100% Estate Marquette 2024

Red French-American Hybrid Blend

7 Entries

GOLD

Ted Schekirke • Bellevue, NE
60% Estate Chambourcin, 40% Estate Frontenac 2024

BRONZE

Jeff Davis • Mt. Pleasant, PA
34% Estate Chambourcin, 33% Estate Noiret, 33% Estate Marquette 2023
Bob Zinkel • Madison, WI
33% Crimson Pearl, 33% Petite Pearl, 33% Marquette 2024

Blush/Rosé French-American Hybrid

17 Entries

SILVER

Scott Ford • Grand Junction, CO
100% Chambourcin 2025
Dwight Kinnes • Palisade, CO
100% Chambourcin 2025
Paul Todys • Milford, OH
55% Ohio Chambourcin, 45% Ohio Traminette 2024

BRONZE

Dwight Kinnes • Palisade, CO
66.6% Chambourcin,
33.3% Traminette 2024
Mike Lusic • Jordan, MN
67% Verona, 33% Prairie Star 2025
Wendell Martin • Meridian, ID
100% Estate Frontenac 2025

Red or White French-American Late Harvest and Ice Wine

2 Entries

GOLD

Justin DeLange • Flagstaff, AZ
100% Estate Late Harvest Frontenac 2025

Chardonnay

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39 Entries

GOLD

Dr. Jesse V. McClain IV • Canfield, OH
100% Chardonnay 2025

SILVER

Paul J. LePera • North Attleboro, MA
100% Finer Wine Prodigy Chardonnay 2024

BRONZE

Phillip Allison • Seattle, WA
100% Chardonnay 2023
Lucy Berenson • Baltimore, MD
100% Chardonnay 2025
Tristan and Ken Broadbent • Holladay, UT
100% Chardonnay 2024
Thomas DeLong • Mentor, OH
100% Ohio Chardonnay 2025
Paul Dillon • Seattle, WA
100% Chardonnay 2024
Darren Dodson • Raleigh, NC
100% Chardonnay 2024
Lee Gallegos • Grand Junction, CO
100% Chardonnay 2025

Michael Gum • Elmira, NY
100% Chardonnay 2024
Thomas Hatch • Williamson, NY
100% Chardonnay 2024
Stephen D. Heike, Jr. • West Chicago, IL
100% Chardonnay 2023
Chris Leffel • Roseville, CA
100% Estate Chardonnay 2024
Steven Lundstrom • Murphy, NC
100% Estate Chardonnay 2024
Stephen Mantakounis • Springfield, PA
100% Chardonnay 2024
James McBryde • Little Rock, AR
92% Winexpert Private Reserve Dry Creek Chardonnay, 8% Pear 2025
Jeff McElfresh • Kent, OH
100% Winexpert Classic Chardonnay 2024
Frank Nazzario • Downingtown, PA
100% Winexpert Island Mist Peach Apricot Chardonnay
Guy Chiasson and Francois Tremblay
Quebec City, QC
100% Mosti Mondiale Renaissance Australian Chardonnay 2025
Lisa Walker • Clovis, CA
100% Estate Chardonnay 2024

Pinot Grigio/Pinot Gris

8 Entries

GOLD

Douglas Balsler • Mandeville, LA
100% Master Vintner Sommelier Select Italian Pinot Grigio 2025

SILVER

Anthony Conte • Dix Hills, NY
100% Pinot Grigio 2022
Paul and Maria Grimm • Granite Bay, CA
100% Pinot Gris 2024
Ben Nagle • Worcester, MA
100% South African Pinot Grigio 2025

BRONZE

Darren Dodson • Raleigh, NC
100% Pinot Grigio 2024
Mary Ann W. Kowicz • Lake Barrington, IL
100% Italian Pinot Grigio 2024

Gewürztraminer

1 Entry

GOLD

Jamie La Brec • Rock Springs, WI
100% Gewürztraminer 2025

Riesling

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19 Entries

GOLD

Thomas Hatch • Williamson NY
100% Riesling 2024

SILVER

Darren Dodson • Raleigh, NC
100% Riesling 2024

BRONZE

Armando DiBonaventura • Boonton, NJ
80% Riesling, 20% White Malvasia 2024
Stephen Habay • Middletown, DE
100% RJS Craft Winemaking Cru International German Riesling 2024

Peyman Hedayati • Santa Rosa, CA
100% Riesling 2025
Jamie La Brec • Rock Springs, WI
100% Riesling 2025
Larry Roux • N. Syracuse, NY
100% Riesling 2025
Joseph Savoy • Marieville, QC
100% Mosti Mondiale Fresco New York Riesling 2024

Sauvignon Blanc

19 Entries

GOLD

Rebecca Allen • Carlisle, PA
100% Sauvignon Blanc 2025
Joey DeCarlo • Hudson, WI
100% Sauvignon Blanc 2024
Jim Milestone • Redding, CA
70% Vermentino, 30% Sauvignon Blanc 2025

SILVER

Joseph Coughlin • Dartmouth, MA
100% Sauvignon Blanc 2024
Kathy Dunn • Boston, VA
100% Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2024

BRONZE

Deborah Cholish • Califon, NJ
100% Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2024
Jeff Hocking • Orinda, CA
100% Sauvignon Blanc 2025
Bob Kristof • Maineville, OH
100% California Sauvignon Blanc 2023
Joe Lauber • Cincinnati, OH
100% Sauvignon Blanc 2024
Paul J. LePera • North Attleboro, MA
100% California Sauvignon Blanc 2024
Thomas Wirtz • Caledonia, WI
100% Sauvignon Blanc 2025

Other White Vinifera Varietals

39 Entries

GOLD

David Arango • Concord, CA
85% Colombard, 15% Viognier 2025
David Arango • Concord, CA
75% Viognier, 25% Colombard 2025
Mark H. Besore • Hayes, VA
100% RJS Craft Winemaking Cru International Germany Müller-Thurgau 2025
Dwight Kinnes • Palisade, CO
100% Albariño 2025
Jeff McElfresh • Kent, OH
100% Winexpert Classic Moscato 2024
Mark Swanson • Hoffman Estates, IL
100% Viognier 2023

SILVER

Justin Bosonetto and Tom Morelli
Manchester, MI
100% Winexpert California Moscato 2023
Greg Stricker • St. Charles, MO
83% Viognier, 17% Seyval 2024
Mike Strickler • Manassas, VA
100% Estate Petit Manseng 2024
Cameron Tapp • San Luis Obispo, CA
100% Estate Viognier 2023



BRONZE

- Jennifer Bell • St. Catharines, ON
100% Muscat 2025
- Walter Cass • Westport Point, MA
100% Winexpert Viognier 2025
- Roman and Karen Clark • Mission Viejo, CA
100% Viognier 2024
- Nicholas D'Angelo • New York, NY
100% Vermentino 2025
- Marc DeMelo • Scottsdale, AZ
100% VineCo California Viognier 2025
- Scott Etzel • Concord, CA
100% Colombard 2025
- Anwar Froz • Concord, CA
100% Symphony 2025
- Paul Keller • Waterloo, WI
100% Viognier 2024
- Dwight Kinnes • Palisade, CO
100% Albariño 2025
- Brian McCarthy • Tucson, AZ
100% Viognier 2023
- Michael Rinker • Kennewick, WA
100% Yakima Valley Sémillon 2025
- Jeff Sandman • Maple Valley, WA
100% Vermentino 2025
- Larry Schaffner • Menomonee Falls, WI
100% Viognier 2025
- Mike Strickler • Manassas, VA
100% Estate Petit Manseng, dry 2024

White Vinifera Bordeaux Style Blends

1 Entry

SILVER

- Dr. Frank W. Swierupski • Kenwood, CA
92% Sauvignon Blanc, 8% Sémillon 2024

Other White Vinifera Blends

12 Entries

GOLD

- David Arango • Concord, CA
70% Vermentino, 30% Sauvignon Blanc 2024
- Justin DeLange • Flagstaff, AZ
100% Winexpert Limited Edition Spanish Macabeo Muscat 2024

SILVER

- Peyman Hedayati • Santa Rosa, CA
67% Pinot Noir Blanc de Noirs, 33% Riesling 2025

BRONZE

- Susan Campbell-Weir • Clayton, CA
71% Sauvignon Blanc, 29% Vermentino 2023
- Susan Campbell-Weir • Clayton, CA
39% Sauvignon Blanc, 34% Grenache Blanc, 18% Chardonnay, 9% Estate Viognier 2025
- Neil Kucich • Mineola, NY
50% Chardonnay, 50% Sémillon 2025
- Timothy M. Valdez • Colorado Springs, CO
60% Chardonnay, 40% Viognier 2024

Cabernet Franc

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22 Entries

GOLD

- Susan Campbell-Weir • Clayton, CA
90% Cabernet Franc, 5% Grenache, 5% Mourvèdre 2024

SILVER

- Deborah Cholish • Califon, NJ
80% Estate Cabernet Franc, 20% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2024
- Neil Kucich • Mineola, NY
80% Cabernet Franc, 20% Merlot 2023
- Michael Moore • Lake Oswego, OR
100% Cabernet Franc 2022
- Patricia Torres • Ranchita, CA
100% Estate Cabernet Franc 2024

BRONZE

- Greg Earley • Clayton, CA
100% Cabernet Franc 2024
- Scott Etzel • Concord, CA
100% Estate Cabernet Franc 2024
- Jerry Fiume • Fairlawn, OH
100% Cabernet Franc 2022
- Sonja Grindle • Solvang, CA
100% Estate Cabernet Franc 2023
- Heath Jaquish and Ron Jaquish Rotterdam, NY
100% Cabernet Franc 2024
- Jimmy Kopp • Palisade, CO
100% Cabernet Franc 2024
- Chris Scott • Charlottesville, VA
100% Cabernet Franc 2022
- James Skufis • Ann Arbor, MI
100% Cabernet Franc 2024
- James Smith • Belmont, CA
100% Estate Cabernet Franc 2024
- Mark Swanson • Hoffman Estates, IL
100% Cabernet Franc 2022

Cabernet Sauvignon

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86 Entries

GOLD

D. Briggs, A. Bert and J. Blackmar
Chepachet, RI
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2024

Dominick Calcagni • Bedford, NY
80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Petite
Sirah, 5% Petit Verdot 2023

Dominick Calcagni • Bedford, NY
90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit
Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc 2024

Richard Caldropoli • Tarrytown, NY
90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petite
Sirah 2024

Justin DeLange • Flagstaff, AZ
100% Winexpert Relevation Napa Valley
Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

Francisco Fernández • Los Angeles, CA
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

Stewart Hallett • Walnut Creek, CA
100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Cindy Kerson • Napa, CA
33% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2020,
33% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2021,
33% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

Kathleen Ondrus • Palisade, CO
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

Kumar Patel • Saratoga, CA
90% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% Estate Merlot 2020

Leonard Streilein • East St. Paul, MB
75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot,
3% Shiraz 2022

SILVER

David Arango • Concord, CA
80% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon,
20% Estate Petit Verdot 2023

Greg Bequette • Livermore, CA
100% Livermore Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

Gary N. Correia • San Diego, CA
100% Cabernet Sauvignon, with
Honduran Mahogany 2023

Joey DeCarlo • Hudson, WI
80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot,
10% Cabernet Franc 2022

Shaun Hatton • Toms River, NJ
85% California Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% California Petite Sirah, 5% California
Cabernet Franc 2022

Jerry Jeslis • Palos Heights, IL
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

Clinton Kent • Lexington, KY
79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet
Franc, 4% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot 2023

Lisa Maxwell • Farmington, NM
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

John McGuire • Bowdoinham, ME
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2024

Stephen Meier • Jeffersonton, VA
100% Argentia Ridge Chateau Cabernet
Sauvignon 2024

James Mish • Doylestown, PA
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2024

Rocky Mitolo • Niles, OH
98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petite
Sirah 2024

Chuck Poirier • Edgerton, WI
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

Michael Sadowski • Ringwood, IL
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2024

Dr. Frank W. Swierupski • Kenwood, CA
86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot,
2% Cabernet Franc 2021

BRONZE

Mike Avlon • Morris Plains, NJ
75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot,
19% Alicante, white oak 2024

Petros Badikyan • Glendale, CA
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

John Benson • Oakland, CA
100% Estate Lake County Cabernet
Sauvignon 2023

Greg Bequette • Livermore, CA
100% Davis California Cabernet
Sauvignon 2023

Ryan Bowlin • Cranberry Township, PA
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

Dominick Calcagni • Bedford, NY
75% Cabernet Sauvignon,
25% Malbec 2022

Dominick Calcagni • Bedford, NY
85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet
Franc 2023

Daniel Cobb • Loveland, OH
95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petite
Sirah 2021

Francisco Fernández • Los Angeles, CA
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

Francisco Fernández • Los Angeles, CA
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

Jerry Fiume • Fairlawn, OH
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Michael Gum • Elmira, NY
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

John Gumina • Glendale, CA
100% Santa Barbara Cabernet
Sauvignon 2023

Stewart Hallett • Walnut Creek, CA
100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

Jerry Jeslis • Palos Heights, IL
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2024

Jeff McElfresh • Kent, OH
100% Finer Wine Forte Cabernet
Sauvignon 2023

Kumar Patel • Saratoga, CA
90% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% Estate Merlot 2022

Cal Podrid • Walnut Creek, CA
100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

Michael Rinker • Kennewick, WA
100% Red Mountain Cabernet
Sauvignon 2024

Gerard Studer • Waukesha, WI
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

Paul Todys • Milford, OH
82% California Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% California Mourvèdre, 1.3%
California Grenache, .7% California
Petit Verdot 2024

Merlot

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37 Entries

GOLD

Scott Butler • Corvallis, OR
75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet
Sauvignon 2020

Jeff Cruess • Sun Valley, NV
100% RJS Craft Winemaking Grand
Cru Merlot 2023

Paul and Maria Grimm • Granite Bay, CA
50% Merlot 2021, 50% Merlot 2022

Anthony Iozzi • North Providence, RI
100% Merlot 2025

Michael Sadowski • Ringwood, IL
100% Merlot 2024

Leonard Streilein • East St. Paul, MB
75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet
Sauvignon 2022

SILVER

Lucy Berenson • Baltimore, MD
100% Merlot 2023

Paul Dillon • Seattle, WA
100% Red Mountain Washington
Merlot 2023

Rich Yoke and Tony Lucarino
Brecksville, OH
80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet
Sauvignon 2022

Robert Lynn Outenreath • San Rafael, CA
100% Merlot 2025

Cal Podrid • Walnut Creek, CA
100% Merlot 2024

Leonard Streilein • East St. Paul, MB
75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet
Sauvignon 2024

BRONZE

John Bolles • Simi Valley, CA
100% Merlot 2023

Nino Garrolini • Camarillo, CA
80% Estate Merlot, 10% Estate Cabernet
Sauvignon, 10% Estate Sangiovese 2022

Matt Long • Morgan Hill, CA
100% Merlot, Stainless steel 2023

Rocky Mitolo • Niles, OH
98% Merlot, 2% Petite Sirah 2023

Chuck Poirier • Edgerton, WI
100% Merlot 2023

Michael Rinker • Kennewick, WA
100% Walla Walla Valley Merlot 2024

Chris Scott • Charlottesville, VA
100% Merlot 2019

Gerard Studer • Waukesha, WI
100% Merlot 2018

Shiraz/Syrah

32 Entries

GOLD

John Andersen • El Cajon, CA
100% Syrah, old oak 2024

Mike Bleill • Brookville, IN
100% California Syrah 2018

Bonneau Dickson • Berkeley, CA
100% Syrah 2022

Jonas Fernandes • La Mesa, CA
100% Syrah 2022

Robert X. Joakimson • Concord, CA
100% Walnut Creek Syrah 2023

Michael Rinker • Kennewick, WA
100% Wahluke Slope Syrah 2023

Patricia Torres • Ranchita, CA
100% Syrah 2024

SILVER

John Andersen • El Cajon, CA
100% Syrah, new oak 2024

Bonneau Dickson • Berkeley, CA
79% Syrah, 21% Cabernet
Sauvignon 2020

Jim and Bette Felton • Danville, CA
100% Estate Syrah 2023

Ken and Jill Harle • Richland, WA
100% Estate Syrah 2023

Jimmy Kopp • Palisade, CO
100% Syrah 2024
Matt Long • Morgan Hill, CA
100% Estate Syrah, Hungarian
oak barrels 2023
Frederick Scott Noack • Livermore, CA
100% Estate Late Harvest California
Syrah 2026

BRONZE

Greg Bequette • Livermore, CA
100% Syrah 2024
Greg and Ann Bilowz • Sterling, MA
75% Syrah, 25% Petit Verdot 2024
Daniel Cobb • Loveland, OH
85% Syrah, 7% Grenache, 4% Mourvèdre,
4% Cabernet Sauvignon 2021
Cliff Jacobson • Paradise, CA
100% Syrah 2025
Jamie La Brec • Rock Springs, WI
100% Shiraz, spices 2025
Lisa Maxwell • Farmington, NM
100% Syrah 2020
Paul Todys • Milford, OH
88% California Syrah, 10% California
Mourvèdre, 1.3% California Grenache,
.7% California Petit Verdot 2024
Michael Wilhelm • Severance, CO
100% Shiraz 2022

Pinot Noir

31 Entries

SILVER

Jeff Cruess • Sun Valley, NV
100% RJS Craft Winemaking Grand
Cru Pinot Noir 2023

Bruce Gillespie • Las Vegas, NV
100% Master Vintner Winemaker's
Reserve Pinot Noir 2025
Peyman Hedayati • Santa Rosa, CA
100% Pinot Noir 2024
Michael Meagher • Sebastopol, CA
100% Jenkins Vineyard Pinot Noir 2024
Michael Meagher • Sebastopol, CA
100% Olivet Road Pinot Noir 2024
Ron Mensink • Madison, WI
100% Pinot Noir 2020
Frank Nazzario • Downingtown, PA
100% Winexpert Island Mist Blueberry
Pinot Noir
Thomas Nourse • Redwood City, CA
100% Russian River Pinot Noir 2024
Chris Richter • Watsonville, CA
100% Pinot Noir 2022
Michael Rinker • Kennewick, WA
100% Yakima Valley Pinot Noir 2024
Rick Sandahl • Kalama, WA
100% Pinot Noir 2024

BRONZE

Paul and Maria Grimm • Granite Bay, CA
100% Pinot Noir 2024
Peyman Hedayati • Santa Rosa, CA
100% Pinot Noir 2024
Peyman Hedayati • Santa Rosa, CA
100% Pinot Noir 2024
Jamie La Brec • Rock Springs, WI
100% Pinot Noir 2025
Walter Martin • Reno, NV
100% Pinot Noir 2019
Michael Meagher • Sebastopol, CA
100% Jenkins Vineyard
Pinot Noir (2) 2024

Thomas Nourse • Redwood City, CA
100% Sonoma Pinot Noir 2024
Alek Pruszynski • Ravenna, OH
100% Finer Wine Limited Edition
Ultima Pinot Noir

Sangiovese

25 Entries

GOLD

Shaun Hatton • Toms River, NJ
100% California Sangiovese 2022
Franco Zauli • Barnegat Light, NJ
80% Sangiovese, 20% Cabernet
Sauvignon 2023

SILVER

Armando DiBonaventura • Boonton, NJ
100% Sangiovese 2022
Paul J. LePera • North Attleboro, MA
100% California Sangiovese 2023
Allen Myers and Kevin Moore
Rootstown, OH
100% Sangiovese 2023
Barry Morris • Santa Rosa, CA
100% Sangiovese 2023
James G. Russo • Palm Harbor, FL
80% Sangiovese, 20% Merlot 2023
James G. Russo • Palm Harbor, FL
80% Sangiovese, 20% Merlot 2022
Giosue Salonia • Wasaga Beach, ON
100% Sangiovese 2024
Michael E. Smith • Mendham, NJ
100% Sangiovese 2025
Ed Vespi • Brick, NJ
100% California Sangiovese 2023



BRONZE

David Arango • Concord, CA
100% Sangiovese 2024
James D'Amico • Mt. Hamilton, CA
85% Estate Sangiovese, 15% Estate
Barbera 2024
Ben Nagle • Worcester, MA
80% Sangiovese, 20% Merlot 2024
Michael Rinker • Kennewick, WA
100% Wahluke Slope Sangiovese 2024

Zinfandel

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36 Entries

GOLD

Vito Tamborrino, Jr. • Easton, PA
84% Zinfandel, 16% Alicante 2023

SILVER

John Reeve, Bruce Norton, and Mike Gill
Rancho Murieta, CA
100% Zinfandel 2025
Clinton Kent • Lexington, KY
94% Zinfandel, 6% Petit Verdot 2022
Barry Morris • Santa Rosa, CA
100% Zinfandel 2023
Bob Porten, Frank Cannistra, Dean Nole,
Frank Talerico, and Tony Murad • Utica, NY
80% Old Vine Zinfandel, 20% Petite
Sirah 2023

Gary Koral and Fabio Puccini
Hoffman Estates, IL
100% Zinfandel 2024
Mitch Slater • Lodi, CA
100% Zinfandel 2023
Troy Thornton • San Francisco, CA
90% Estate Zinfandel, 10% Field Blend
Grapes 2022

BRONZE

Dave Birmingham • Pine Grove, CA
100% Zinfandel 2023
Bryan Clapper • Saugerties, NY
85% Zinfandel, 15% Mixed Black
Grapes 2024
Eric Andersen and Rose Comas
Matawan, NJ
100% Lodi Zinfandel 2024
Michael DiGiovacchino • Ambler, PA
100% Lodi Zinfandel 2023
Anthony and Lou Ianiro, and Valerio and
Michael Frabotta • Moreland Hills, OH
80% Zinfandel, 20% Cabernet
Sauvignon 2020
Rocky Mitolo • Niles, OH
99% Zinfandel, 1% Petite Sirah 2023
James and Eileen Scott • Washington, NJ
100% Zinfandel 2025
Mitch Slater • Lodi, CA
100% Zinfandel 2024

Ken Stafford • Plymouth, CA
100% Estate Zinfandel 2023
Ryan Stimmel • Wexford, PA
85% Zinfandel, 15% Petite Sirah 2024
Greg Stricker • St. Charles, MO
80% Zinfandel, 20% Syrah 2023
Greg Stricker • St. Charles, MO
80% Zinfandel, 20% Norton 2023

Other Red Vinifera Varietals

101 Entries

GOLD

Wayne Scott Harral • Bellflower, CA
100% Nebbiolo 2021
Jeff Hocking • Orinda, CA
100% Petite Sirah 2023
Ron Mensink • Madison, WI
90% Carmenere, 10% Cabernet
Sauvignon 2024
Eric Rosenfeld • Scottsdale, AZ
100% Chilean Malbec 2025
Guy Chiasson and Francois Tremblay
Quebec City, QC
100% Mosti Mondiale Masters Edition
Chilean Carmenere 2024

SILVER

Rui Eduardo Bastos Amaro • Angwin, CA
100% California Tempranillo 2023
Michel Carle • Trois-Rivieres, QC
100% Mosti Mondiale Fresco Italian
Montepulciano 2023
Walter Cass • Westport Point, MA
100% Master Vintner's Winemaker's
Reserve Carmenere 2026
Lori B. Dahlberg • Calgary, AB
100% RJS Craft Winemaking En Primeur
Chilean Carmenere 2022
Armando DiBonaventura • Boonton, NJ
80% Montepulciano, 20% Petite
Sirah 2020
Greg Earley • Clayton, CA
100% Petit Verdot 2024
Jim Just • Danville, CA
75% Petite Sirah 2024,
20% 2024 Cabernet Sauvignon 2024,
5% Merlot 2023
Mary Ann W. Kowicz • Lake Barrington, IL
100% Italian Nebbiolo 2024
Grant Millar • Kingston, ON
100% RJS Craft Winemaking En Primeur
Chilean Carmenere 2025
Grant Millar • Kingston, ON
100% RJS Craft Winemaking Restricted
Quantities Spanish Petit Verdot 2025
Dan Mitchell • Sutton, MA
100% Montepulciano 2024
Barry Morris • Santa Rosa, CA
100% Petite Sirah 2023
Chuck Poirier • Edgerton, WI
100% Malbec 2023
Gerard Rescigno • Bronxville, NY
100% Chilean Malbec 2024
Michael Rinker • Kennewick, WA
100% Yakima Valley Dolcetto 2024
Michael Rinker • Kennewick, WA
100% Wahluke Slope Carmenere 2024
Michael Wilhelm • Severance, CO
100% Malbec 2025

BRONZE

Gary Adams • Tehachapi, CA
100% Estate Malbec 2022



Mildred Bentler • Hackettstown, NJ
100% Fontana Washington Malbec 2023

David Buchanan • Berkeley, CA
100% Barbera 2023

David Byram • Louisiana, MO
100% Winexpert Chilean Malbec 2023

Dominick Calcagni • Bedford, NY
75% Teroldego, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

Bryan Clapper • Saugerties, NY
80% Nero D'Avola, 20% Merlot 2024

Tim Cleary • Sarage, MN
80% Tempranillo, 20% Merlot

Daniel Cobb • Loveland, OH
78% Touriga Nacional, 13% Tempranillo, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

Eric Andersen and Rose Comas Matawan, NJ
100% Lodi Petite Sirah 2024

Leonard Corazza • East Islip, NY
100% Winexpert Reserve Montepulciano D'Abrozso 2024

Nicholas D'Angelo • New York, NY
100% Montepulciano 2025

Shirley Daddario • Avondale, PA
100% Alicante 2025

Marty Dechering • Cincinnati, OH
100% Mourvèdre 2024

Marty Dechering • Cincinnati, OH
100% Tempranillo 2021

Armando DiBonaventura • Boonton, NJ
100% Petite Sirah 2022

Michael DiGiovacchino • Ambler, PA
100% Alexander Valley Sonoma Petit Verdot 2023

Anthony Domanti
New Farm Brisbane, Australia
100% Barbera 2025

Greg Earley • Clayton, CA
100% Graciano 2023

Bob Eddy • Lafayette, CA
100% Petite Sirah 2022

Paul J. Gerardi • New Rochelle, NY
100% Nero D'Avola 2022

Jerry Jeslis • Palos Heights, IL
100% Malbec 2024

Robert X. Joakimson • Concord, CA
100% Oakley Mourvèdre 2024

Jim Just • Danville, CA
95% Petite Sirah, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

Michael D. LaPlante • Flagstaff, AZ
100% Petite Sirah 2023

Joe Lauber • Cincinnati, OH
100% Malbec 2022

Walter Martin • Reno, NV
100% Tannat 2023

Stephen Meier • Jeffersonson, VA
100% VineCo Estate Series Argentina Malbec 2024

Grant Millar • Kingston, ON
100% RJS Craft Winemaking Restricted Quantities Italian Nero D'Avola 2025

Frank Mirigliano • Greensburg, PA
100% Tempranillo 2024

James Mish • Doylestown, PA
100% Carmenere 2025

Dan Mitchell • Sutton, MA
100% Nero D'Avola 2024

David Mitchell • Erie, PA
100% Regent 2025

Frank Nazzario • Downington, PA
100% Winexpert Reserve Montepulciano

Cal Podrid • Walnut Creek, CA
100% Grenache 2024

Chuck Poirier • Edgerton, WI
100% Winexpert Selection International South African Pinotage 2023

Michael Rinker • Kennewick, WA
100% Wahluke Slope Barbera 2024

Bill Rose • Lafayette, CA
100% Charbono 2024

Chris Scott • Charlottesville, VA
100% Tannat 2017

David Sobieraj • Chesire, CT
100% Petite Sirah 2024

Ken Stafford • Plymouth, CA
100% Estate Barbera 2021

Vito Tamborrino, Jr. • Easton, PA
100% Malbec 2024

Guy Chiasson and Francois Tremblay
Quebec City, QC
100% Mosti Mondiale South African Fresco Pinotage 2024

Timothy M. Valdez • Colorado Springs, CO
100% Petite Sirah 2024

Ed Wall • Anza, CA
100% Estate Malbec 2023

Ellen Weaver • Sun Prairie, WI
100% Tempranillo 2023

William H. Wilkey • Fredericksburg, VA
75% Winexpert Reserve Dolcetto, 25% Winexpert Limited Edition Grenache Carignan 2023

Red Vinifera Bordeaux Style Blends

40 Entries

GOLD

John Benson • Oakland, CA
45% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Cabernet Franc, 16% Estate Petite Sirah, 4% Petit Verdot 2024

Greg Earley • Clayton, CA
60% Cabernet Franc, 30% Malbec, 10% Petit Verdot 2024

Thomas Hatch • Williamson, NY
40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Cabernet Franc, 30% Merlot 2022

Chuck Poirier • Edgerton, WI
80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Merlot, 2% Malbec 2022

Leonard Streilein • East St. Paul, MB
60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Shiraz, 10% Merlot 2024

SILVER

David Arango • Concord, CA
70% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Estate Petit Verdot 2022

Lucy Berenson • Baltimore, MD
65% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc 2024



Dominick Calcagni • Bedford, NY
65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petite
Sirah, 10% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit
Verdot, 5% Malbec 2023
Jeff Cruess • Sun Valley, NV
100% RJS Craft Winemaking Grand Cru
Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot 2023
Nino Garrolini • Camarillo, CA
58% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon,
25% Estate Merlot, 10% Estate
Sangiovese, 7% Estate Syrah 2020
Mike Grimshaw • Milford, OH
50% Cabernet Franc, 30% Merlot,
20% Cabernet Sauvignon 2022
Atanas Kostanev • Woodbridge, VA
20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot,
20% Petite Sirah, 20% Grenache,
20% Syrah 2018
Peter Meulepas • Lakeville, MN
80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit
Verdot, 5% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc,
1% Malbec 2019

BRONZE

Thomas Bienkowski • Hebron, CT
60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot,
10% Petit Verdot 2026
David Buchanan • Berkeley, CA
50% Cabernet Sauvignon,
50% Merlot 2023
Dominick Calcagni • Bedford, NY
70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit
Verdot, 10% Malbec, 10% Cabernet
Franc 2024
Rex Clack • Napa, CA
70% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon,
15% Estate Petite Sirah, 10% Estate
Cabernet Franc, 5% Estate Syrah 2024
Daniel Cobb • Loveland, OH
70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot,
7% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot 2023
Lori B. Dahlberg • Calgary, AB
100% RJS Craft Winemaking Cru
International Okanogan Petit Verdot
Merlot Cabernet Franc Cabernet
Sauvignon 2024
Tim Drexler • Downers Grove, IL
75% Merlot, 25% VineCo Signature Series
California Cabernet Sauvignon 2023
Kathy Dunn • Boston, VA
40% Estate Merlot, 30% Estate Petit
Verdot, 27% Estate Cabernet Franc,
3% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2021
George Featherman • Flemington, NJ
65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot,
5% Cabernet Franc 2023
Nino Garrolini • Camarillo, CA
50% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon,
47% Estate Merlot, 3% Estate
Sangiovese 2023
Michael Moore • Lake Oswego, OR
60% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon,
15% Cabernet Franc 2022
Antonio Palmiotto • Wall Township, NJ
70% Estate Chambourcin, 30% Estate
Merlot 2022
David Pollard • Charlotte, NC
100% Finer Wines Cabernet Sauvignon
Merlot 2025
Chris Scott • Charlottesville, VA
43% Cabernet Franc, 43% Merlot,
14% Petit Verdot 2017

Other Red Vinifera Blends

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85 Entries

GOLD

Sydney Dawrant and Nicholas Dean
Santa Rosa, CA 60% Petite Sirah,
35% Syrah, 10% Viognier, 5% Cabernet
Sauvignon 2025
Mary Ann W. Kowicz • Lake Barrington, IL
65% California Cabernet Franc,
35% California Old Vine Zinfandel 2024
Joe Lauber • Cincinnati, OH
40% Cabernet Sauvignon,
30% Tempranillo, 30% Malbec 2022
Eric Rosenfeld • Scottsdale, AZ
25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot,
25% Shiraz, 25% Mataro 2025
Cameron Tapp • San Luis Obispo, CA
40% Grenache, 19% Syrah, 19%
Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Petite Sirah,
3% Viognier 2022

SILVER

Russell Barretta • Orinda, CA
60% Syrah, 40% Estate Cabernet
Sauvignon 2024
Dave Birmingham • Pine Grove, CA
65% Syrah, 25% Grenache 2023
Daniel Cobb • Loveland, OH
63% Tempranillo, 21% Touriga Nacional,
8% Carignan, 7% Grenache,
1% Mourvèdre 2023
Justin DeLange • Flagstaff, AZ
100% Winexpert Private Reserve
Sangiovese Primitivo Nerello 2024
Nino Garrolini • Camarillo, CA
45% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon,
45% Estate Sangiovese, 10% Estate
Merlot 2022
Shaun Hatton • Toms River, NJ
45% California Grenache, 25% California
Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% California
Syrah, 10% California Petite Sirah,
5% California Alicante 2023
Cliff Jacobson • Paradise, CA
70% Grenache, 30% Syrah 2025
Rich Yoke and Tony Lucarino
Brecksville, OH
25% Pinot Noir, 25% Syrah, 25% Merlot,
25% Cabernet Sauvignon 2022
James McBryde • Little Rock, AR
100% RJS Craft Winemaking En Primeur
Super Tuscan 2025
Barry Morris • Santa Rosa, CA
50% Zinfandel, 50% Petite Sirah 2023
Timothy J. Mouwerik • Walla Walla, WA
33% Grenache, 33% Mourvèdre,
33% Syrah 2024

BRONZE

Doug Barber • Calgary, AB
80% RJS Craft Winemaking En Primeur
Grenache Syrah, 20% RJS Craft
Winemaking Restricted Quantities
Spanish Monastrell 2022
Greg Bequette • Livermore, CA
40% Grenache, 40% Syrah, 20% Mourvèdre
Sarah Burke • Tallmadge, OH
100% Finer Wine Super Tuscan Forte 2024
Dominick Calcagni • Bedford, NY
65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Petite
Sirah, 10% Petit Verdot 2023

Dominick Calcagni • Bedford, NY
50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40%
Sangiovese, 10% Cabernet Franc 2023
Bryan Clapper • Saugerties, NY
65% Petite Sirah, 20% Zinfandel,
15% Petit Verdot 2024
Daniel Cobb • Loveland, OH
60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 20% Cabernet
Sauvignon 2023
Greg Earley • Clayton, CA
60% Petite Sirah, 40% Petit Verdot 2024
Greg Earley • Clayton, CA
50% Merlot, 50% Cabernet Franc 2024
George Featherman • Flemington, NJ
33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot,
33% Sangiovese
Jerry Fiume • Fairlawn, OH
100% Mixed Red Grapes 2021/2022/2023
Stephen Habay • Middletown, DE
100% VineCo Signature Series French
Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2024
Stewart Hallett • Walnut Creek, CA
60% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon,
40% Estate Sangiovese 2023
Jeff Hocking • Orinda, CA
50% Sangiovese, 30% Syrah,
20% Cabernet Sauvignon 2024
Jim Just • Danville, CA
60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Petite
Sirah 2024
Matt Long • Morgan Hill, CA
57% Syrah, 43% Merlot, Hungarian
oak barrels 2023
Rich Yoke and Tony Lucarino
Brecksville, OH
50% Zinfandel, 50% Merlot 2022
Leonard Martin, Jr. • Enfield, CT
100% Mosti Mondiale Fresco Italian
Corvina Corvinone Rondinella 2025
David Nace • Wexford, PA
100% Winexpert Private Reserve Italian
Sangiovese Zinfandel 2024
Michael Rinker • Kennewick, WA
40% Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon,
40% Walla Walla Cabernet Franc,
20% Yakima Valley Grenache 2022
Eric Rosenfeld • Scottsdale, AZ
50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50%
Merlot 2025
Joseph Savoy • Marieville, QC
100% Mosti Mondiale Meglioli Italian
Amoroso 2021
Tonya Jackson Smallwood • Spotsylvania, VA
100% Winexpert Reserve Vieux Chateau
Du Roi Grenache Syrah Carignan 2024
Joseph A. Solomon • Simpsonville, KY
50% Estate Tannat, 30% Estate
Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Estate Cabernet
Franc 2021
Joseph A. Solomon • Simpsonville, KY
34% Estate Tannat, 33% Estate Cabernet
Sauvignon, 33% Estate Cabernet
Franc 2019
Ken Stafford • Plymouth, CA
60% Estate Grenache, 20% Estate
Zinfandel, 15% Estate Barbera, 5% Estate
Petite Sirah 2023
Vito Tamborrino, Jr. • Easton, PA
67% Merlot, 33% Zinfandel 2023
Cameron Tapp • San Luis Obispo, CA
50% Syrah, 50% Petite Sirah 2022
Cameron Tapp • San Luis Obispo, CA
49% Malbec, 31% Syrah, 18% Grenache,
2% Viognier 2021



Travis Wilson • Falls of Rough, KY
100% RJS Craft Winemaking En Primeur
Italian Rosso Grande Eccellente 2005

Blush/Rosé Red Vinifera

27 Entries

SILVER

Rodney and Carla Davis • Colonial Beach, VA
100% Winexpert Reserve Limited Release
California Pinot Noir 2025

BRONZE

Greg Bequette • Livermore, CA
100% Zinfandel 2025
Michel Carle • Trois-Rivieres, QC
80% Winexpert Private Reserve
Sangiovese 20% Winexpert Private
Reserve Gewürztraminer 2025
Nicholas D'Angelo • New York, NY
100% Zinfandel 2025
Sydney Dawrant and Nicholas Dean
Santa Rosa, CA
100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2025
Jim and Bette Felton • Danville, CA
100% Estate Merlot 2025
Jim and Bette Felton • Danville, CA
100% Estate Grenache 2024
Paul Gulsrud • Bell Canyon, CA
100% Estate Merlot 2024
Peyman Hedayati • Santa Rosa, CA
100% Pinot Noir 2025
Peyman Hedayati • Santa Rosa, CA
100% Pinot Noir Blanc de Noirs 2025
Cliff Jacobson • Paradise, CA
100% Estate Grenache 2025

Paul Keller • Waterloo, WI
100% Winexpert Limited Edition Reserve
Pinot Noir 2025
Michael Meagher • Sebastopol, CA
100% Olivet Road Pinot Noir 2024
Stephen Meier • Jeffersonston, VA 100%
VineCo Estate Series California Pinot
Noir 2024
Justin Bosonetto and Tom Morelli
Manchester, MI
100% Winexpert Reserve Australian
Grenache Rosé 2024
Thomas Nourse • Redwood City, CA
100% Russian River Pinot Noir 2025
Chris Scott • Charlottesville, VA
50% Merlot, 50% Cabernet Franc 2023
Leonard Streilein • East St. Paul, MB
94% Grenache, 6% Muscat 2024
Doug Van Tornhout • Fairfield, CT
100% Lanzo-Musto Vineyard Merlot 2025

Red or White Vinifera Late Harvest and Ice Wine

2 Entries

GOLD

Justin DeLange • Flagstaff, AZ
100% Winexpert Apres Riesling Ice
Wine 2024

BRONZE

David Merz • Council Bluffs, IA
100% Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc with
Botrytis 2001

White Table Wine Blend

3 Entries

GOLD

John and Eileen Gutzwiller • Batesville, IN
50% Chardonal, 50% Winexpert
Chardonnay 2024

Red Table Wine Blend

21 Entries

GOLD

Chris Leffel • Roseville, CA
35% Estate Petite Sirah, 30% Estate
Merlot, 30% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon,
5% Estate Barbara 2019

SILVER

Jeff Davis • Mt. Pleasant, PA
34% Estate Chambourcin, 33% Estate
Noiret, 33% Estate Marquette 2023
Grant Millar • Kingston, ON
100% RJS Craft Winemaking Restricted
Quantities Australian Shiraz Cabernet
Sauvignon Malbec 2025
Christopher Restaino • Stamford, CT
48% Merlot, 28% Alicante, 24% Cabernet
Sauvignon 2023

BRONZE

Dominick Calcagni • Bedford, NY
50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20%
Sangiovese, 10% Petite Sirah, 10%
Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot 2023
Dominick Calcagni • Bedford, NY
60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40%
Malbec 2022



Joseph Cregan • Cleveland, OH
70% California Old Vine Zinfandel,
30% California Moscato 2024

Rodney and Carla Davis • Colonial Beach, VA
100% Winexpert Chile Diablo Rojo 2025

George Featherman • Flemington, NJ
100% Italian Amarone 2023

John and Eileen Gutzwiller • Batesville, IN
30% Winexpert Merlot Cabernet
Sauvignon, 30% Winexpert Cabernet
Franc, 25% Chambourcin, 15%
Norton 2022

John and Eileen Gutzwiller • Batesville, IN
60% Chambourcin, 40% Winexpert
Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Tonya Jackson Smallwood • Spotsylvania, VA
100% Winexpert Classic Australian
Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2024

Blush Table Wine Blend

3 Entries

BRONZE

Mike Grimshaw • Milford, OH
60% Chambourcin, 20% Traminette,
15% Aromello, 5% Norton 2024

Grape & Non-Grape Table Wine Blend

9 Entries

GOLD

Nancy Belle Hansford • Watkinsville, GA
50% RJS Craft Winemaking Orchard
Breezin' Strawberry, 50% Estate
Muscadine 2025

Chardanay Young-Ford • Buffalo, NY
50% Moscato, 50% Sweet Dark
Cherry 2024

SILVER

Bob Kampman • Monroe, WA
86% Winexpert Classic Washington
Riesling, 14% Wild Huckleberry 2023

BRONZE

Linda Joiner and Terry Ashley
Hodgenville, KY
100% Winexpert Twisted Mist Limited
Edition Sex on the Beach 2025

Stephen D. Heike, Jr. • West Chicago, IL
95% Apple, 4% White Grape, 1%
Wildflower Honey 2022

James McBryde • Little Rock, AR
70% Fontana Pinot Noir, 10% Blueberry,
10% Blackberry, 10% Black Cherry 2025

Jeff McElfresh • Kent, OH
100% Winexpert Peach Apricot
Chardonnay 2024

Mark Swanson • Hoffman Estates, IL
100% Winexpert Island Mist Blood
Orange Sangria

Apple or Pear Varietals or Blends

13 Entries

GOLD

James McBryde • Little Rock, AR
90% Pear, 10% Granny Smith Apple 2025

SILVER

Richard A. Adams • Fredericksburg, VA
100% Estate Pear 2025

Michael Roman • Belvidere, IL
100% Estate Pear 2025

BRONZE

David Flegle • Indiana, PA
100% Apple 2025

Nancy Belle Hansford • Watkinsville, GA
100% RJS Craft Winemaking Orchard
Breezin' Green Apple

Valerie Marchesi • Junction City, KS
100% Estate Pear 2024

Ellen Weaver • Sun Prairie, WI
100% Estate Pear 2024

Hard Cider or Perry

17 Entries

GOLD

Ron Esce • Syracuse, NY
20% Estate Honey Crisp Apple, 20%
Estate Granny Smith Apple, 20% Estate
Ruby Frost Apple, 20% Estate Fuji Apple,
20% Estate Northern Spy Apple 2024

Alan M. Robertson • Sheffield, VT
100% Estate Apple 2017

Alan M. Robertson • Sheffield, VT
96% Estate Apple, 4% Estate
Blueberry 2012

John Spencer • Canyon City, OR
100% Oregon Apple 2025

SILVER

Marc DeMelo • Scottsdale, AZ
100% Mangrove Jack's Craft Series
Pear 2025

BRONZE

Beth and Randall Contreras • Rutland, VT
70% Apple, 10% Blackberry, 10%
Strawberry, 10% Raspberry

Stone Fruit

25 Entries

GOLD

Jerry Mattingly • Louisville, KY
100% Mango 2024

Mike and Becky Wendt • Greenfield, WI
100% Estate Cornelianch Dogwood 2025

SILVER

Stephen Habay • Middletown, DE
100% Cherry 2025

James McBryde • Little Rock, AR
100% Mango 2025

Dr. Vanessa M. Rangel • Stockton, CA
92% Black Cherry, 8% Chocolate 2025

Larry Roux • N. Syracuse, NY
100% Peach 2025

Michael Sadowski • Ringwood, IL
100% Estate Montmorency Cherry 2024

Mike Sales • Maysville, GA
90% Estate Peach, 10% Estate
Mango 2025

Dan Saul • Zeeland, MI
90% Plum, 9% Mixed Berry, 1% Salted
Caramel 2024

Dan Saul • Zeeland, MI
100% Tart Cherry 2024

BRONZE

Nancy Belle Hansford • Watkinsville, GA
100% RJS Craft Winemaking Orchard
Breezin' Georgia Peach 2025

Robert X. Joakimson • Concord, CA
80% Mango, 20% Passionfruit 2025

Robert X. Joakimson • Concord, CA
100% Oakley Peach 2025

Robert X. Joakimson • Concord, CA
100% Walnut Creek Elephant Heart
Plum 2025

Michael Roman • Belvidere, IL
100% Estate Cherry 2025

Dan Saul • Zeeland, MI
70% Apricot, 30% Mango 2024

Ellen Weaver • Sun Prairie, WI
100% Cherry 2024

Berry Fruit

41 Entries

GOLD

Jeremy Fuelling • Marshall, WI
100% Estate Red Raspberry 2024

Jerry Glentz • Holmen, WI
100% Vintner's Harvest Elderberry 2025

Robert X. Joakimson • Concord, CA
100% Monterey Red Raspberry 2025

Robert X. Joakimson • Concord, CA
100% Monterey Marionberry 2025

Mike Sales • Maysville, GA
80% Estate Blackberry, 20% Merlot 2025

James and Eileen Scott • Washington, NJ
100% Blueberry 2025

SILVER

Linda Joiner and Terry Ashley
Hodgenville, KY
100% Vintner's Best Black Raspberry 2024

Timothy A. Bowman and Matthew R. Bowman
Hagerstown, MD
100% Estate Red Raspberry 2024

Stephen Habay • Middletown, DE
100% Strawberry 2025

Stephen Habay • Middletown, DE
100% Blueberry 2025

Robert X. Joakimson • Concord, CA
100% Monterey Olallieberry 2025

Robert X. Joakimson • Concord, CA
100% Monterey Golden Raspberry 2025

Robert X. Joakimson • Concord, CA
88% Black Raspberry, 12%
Passionfruit 2025

Larry Roux • N. Syracuse, NY
97% Estate Blueberry, 3% Estate
Blackberry 2025

James Skufis • Ann Arbor, MI
95% Wild Back Raspberry, 5% Cocoa
Nibs 2025

Mike and Becky Wendt • Greenfield, WI
100% Estate Black Raspberry 2025

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100% Estate Blackberry 2025

BRONZE

Richard A. Adams • Fredericksburg, VA
100% Estate Black Raspberry 2025

Robert X. Joakimson • Concord, CA
100% Black Raspberry 2025

Frank Norris • Curwensville, PA
100% Estate Blueberry 2018

Joe Wedel • Arlington, WA
100% Himalayan Blackberry 2024

Other Fruits

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13 Entries

SILVER

David Horvath • Gilbert, AZ
100% Lemon

BRONZE

Michael Barbacano • Pottstown, PA
100% Banana 2023
Jai Carruth • Loganville, GA
60% Pineapple, 40% Estate Pear

Traditional Mead

Sponsor: **Barrel Char Wood Products**

9 Entries

GOLD

Stephen Habay • Middletown, DE
100% Orange Blossom Honey 2024
Eric Reynolds • Radcliff, KY
100% Meadow Foam Honey 2025

SILVER

Lee Moore • Atlantic Beach, NC
100% Raspberry Blossom Honey 2025
Lee Moore • Atlantic Beach, NC
100% Blueberry Blossom Honey 2025
Tray Patterson • Calhoun, GA
100% Honey 2024

BRONZE

Bryan P. Thomas • York, SC
96.75% Raw South Carolina Honey, 3.25%
Vanilla Bean, Aged in Former Rye Barrel

Fruit Mead

14 Entries

GOLD

Richard A. Adams • Fredericksburg, VA
65% Red Clover Honey, 35% Black
Raspberry 2025
Richard A. Adams • Fredericksburg, VA
65% Red Clover Honey, 35%
Elderberry 2025
David Flegle • Indiana, PA
50% Peach, 50% Honey 2025
Eric Reynolds • Radcliff, KY
99% Cloudberry, 1% Arctic Circle Lumous
Lapland Honey 2025
Eric Reynolds • Radcliff, KY
70% Cranberry, 29% Spruce Tips,
1% Orange Blossom Honey 2025
John Spencer • Canyon City, OR
33% Lime, 33% Cucumber, 33%
Honey 2025
Bryan P. Thomas • York, SC
90% Polyfloral Honey, 5% Raspberry,
5% Dragonfruit
Chardanay Young-Ford • Buffalo, NY
49% Strawberry, 49% Banana, 2%
Wildflower Honey 2025

SILVER

Robert X. Joakimson • Concord, CA
90% Wildflower Honey, 10% Red
Raspberry 2025
Ken Kelso • Salem, OR
50% Strawberry, 50% Honey 2024

BRONZE

Jeff Roedl • Frederic, WI
90% Honey, 10% Apple

Dan Saul • Zeeland, MI
75% Wildflower Honey, 25%
Cranberry 2023

Herb and Spice Mead

Sponsor: **Barrel Char Wood Products**

5 Entries

GOLD

Jeremy Fuelling • Marshall, WI
100% Estate Elderflower and Honey 2025
Eric Reynolds • Radcliff, KY
45% Pumpkin Spice, 35% Butternut
Squash, 10% Coffee, 4% Pumpkin
Blossom Honey, 2% Vanilla, 2%
Cinnamon, 2% Allspice Berry 2024

SILVER

Robert X. Joakimson • Concord, CA
97% Wildflower Honey, 1% Clove,
1% Long Pepper, 1% Lightly Caramelized
Ginger 2025

BRONZE

Mary Ann and David Johnson • Oakley, CA
50% Clover Honey, 50% Vanilla 2011
Thomas Notto • Eastover, NC
90% Estate Muscadine, 10% Estate
Ginseng plus Honey 2025

Flower or Vegetable

8 Entries

GOLD

Larry Schaffner • Menomonee Falls, WI
100% Estate Rhubarb 2025

SILVER

Jim Ross • Savage, MN
100% Estate Rhubarb 2025

Port Style

38 Entries

GOLD

Michael Brouillette • Baton Rouge, LA
100% RJS Craft Winemaking Cru Specialty
Chocolate Cherry Dessert Wine 2024
David Buchanan • Berkeley, CA
50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50%
Merlot 2024
John Descalzo • Clayton, CA
100% Zinfandel 2025
Robert X. Joakimson • Concord, CA
100% Black Raspberry Port 2025
Clinton Kent • Lexington, KY
98% RJS Craft Winemaking Cru Specialty
Black Forest Dessert Wine, 1% Cocoa Nib
Moonshine, 1% Cherry Moonshine 2024
Jeff McElfresh • Kent, OH
40% Merlot, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon,
20% Brandy, 14% Malbec 2022
Lee Moore • Atlantic Beach, NC
100% Winexpert Après Chocolate
Raspberry Dessert Wine 2025
Alan Vybiral • Wahoo, NE
40% Frontenac, 40% Chambourcin,
20% Everclear 2022

SILVER

Richard Campbell • Pearland, TX
100% Estate Black Spanish 2025
Brett Causey • Saint Joe, AR
86% Estate Norton, 14% Grape Spirit 2024

Brett Causey • Saint Joe, AR
86% Estate Lenoir, 14% Grape Spirit 2024
Anthony Conte • Dix Hills, NY
80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cognac,
10% Scotch 2022

David Pollard • Charlotte, NC
100% Winexpert Après Salted Caramel
Dessert Wine 2025

Sandy Shivas • Ilion, NY
100% Winexpert Après Vanilla Bourbon
Dessert Wine 2023

Ed Wall • Anza, CA
80% Pomegranate, 20% Muscat 2025

BRONZE

Francisco Fernández • Los Angeles, CA
80% Petite Sirah, 20% Cabernet
Sauvignon 2009
Stephen D. Heike, Jr. • West Chicago, IL
95% Winexpert Apres Chocolate
Raspberry Dessert, 5% Brandy 2024
Robert X. Joakimson • Concord, CA
100% Otallieberry Port 2025
Kevin Kelly • Seattle, WA
94% RJS Craft Winemaking Cru Specialty
Toasted Caramel Dessert Wine,
6% Brandy 2025
Wendell Martin • Meridian, ID
100% Estate La Crosse 2024
Barry Morris • Santa Rosa, CA
100% Tempranillo 2022
Colin Rohrmoser • St. Catharines, ON
67% Cabernet Franc, 17% Syrah,
16% Gamay 2022
Michael Sadowski • Ringwood, IL
95% RJS Craft Winemaking Specialty
Chocolate Cherry Dessert Wine,
5% Brandy 2024
Chris Scott • Charlottesville, VA
100% Estate Petit Verdot 2017
Sandy Shivas • Ilion NY 100%
RJS Craft Winemaking Cru Specialty
Toasted Caramel Dessert Wine 2024
Sandy Shivas • Ilion, NY
100% RJS Craft Winemaking Cru Specialty
Chocolate Cherry Dessert Wine 2023
Alan Vybiral • Wahoo, NE
80% Estate Frontenac, 20% Everclear 2020
Jodi Frank and Peter Wronski
Charlestown, RI
100% RJS Craft Winemaking Specialty
Chocolate Cherry Dessert Wine 2025

Other Fortified

7 Entries

GOLD

Ryan A. Chrysler • New Albany, OH
50% Blackberry, 28% Blueberry, 20%
Brandy, 1% Caramel, 1% Herbs 2025
Justin Bosonetto and Tom Morelli
Manchester, MI
87% Riesling, 13% Grappa 2024

SILVER

Peyman Hedayati • Santa Rosa, CA
95% Pinot Noir Blanc de Noirs,
1% Vermouth, 1% Mugwort,
1% Chamomile, 1% Elder Flower,
1% Citrus 2025
Bernhard Sterling • Danville, CA
87% Estate Orangello, 11% Lemon,
1% Trovita Orange Wine, 1% Wine
Spirits 2024

BRONZE

Bernhard Sterling • Danville, CA
72% Aronia, 18% Pomace Chardonnay,
5% Sangiovese, 3% Aroniaberry, 1% Wine
Spirits, 1% Peruvian Coffee 2023
Bernhard Sterling • Danville, CA 48%
Cabernet Sauvignon, 48% Merlot,
3% Wine Spirits, .5% Cinnamon,
.5% Lemon 2023

**Sparkling Grape,
Dry/Semi-Dry or Sweet**

16 Entries

GOLD

Ron Mensink • Madison, WI
75% Itasca, 25% Petite Pearl 2024
Barry Morris • Santa Rosa, CA
100% Chardonnay 2024
Chuck Poirier • Edgerton, WI
100% Estate Concord 2023

Mark Swanson • Hoffman Estates, IL
100% Viognier 2023
Mark Swanson • Hoffman Estates, IL
50% Chardonnay, 50% Pinot Noir 2021
Timothy M. Valdez • Colorado Springs, CO
100% Malbec (Blanc de Noirs) 2024
Timothy M. Valdez • Colorado Springs, CO
100% Sangiovese 2024

SILVER

Larry Roux • N. Syracuse, NY
100% Riesling 2024
Timothy M. Valdez • Colorado Springs, CO
100% Pinot Noir 2023
Ellen Weaver • Sun Prairie, WI
100% Chenin Blanc 2023
Ellen Weaver • Sun Prairie, WI
100% Riesling 2023
Dan Zurawski • Wheaton, IL
100% Chardonnay 2023

BRONZE

Dr. Jesse V. McClain IV • Canfield, OH
100% Chardonnay 2025
Francis Ratthe • Newberg, OR
100% Estate Pinot Noir 2023

Sparkling Non-Grape

3 Entries

SILVER

Joey DeCarlo • Hudson, WI
100% Apple 2023
Mark Swanson • Hoffman Estates, IL
100% Peach 2025

BRONZE

Gerhard Schwaerzler • Bregenz, Austria
100% Apple 2024





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