



**DEAD LINE FOR WINE ENTRIES**  
**JULY 21, 2011**  
**PLACER COUNTY WINE & GRAPE ASSOCIATION**  
**2011 Placer Gold Wine Fest**  
**Wine Competition Rules and Information**

**Eligibility:**

The Placer Gold Wine Fest is open to members of the Placer County Wine & Grape Association as well as other home winemakers in the surrounding area. These competition rules and instructions are also available on the web at [www.pcwga.org](http://www.pcwga.org). If you have any questions please contact Renae Messamore (916-316-4227) or Doug Geiger (916-807-0108).

Entries are limited to wines produced by amateur winemakers. An amateur is considered 1) a person who does not work in a professional wine producing capacity, or 2) a person who is not an owner of a commercial winery.

**How to Enter - Entry Dates:**

You may enter as many wines as you like. An entry is defined as one (1) 750 milliliter bottle. For sparkling wines, an additional bottle (at least 375 ml) is recommended to maintain sparkle for later judging rounds.

Each wine entered must include a loose *registration form*. Make copies as needed. Please *spell your name clearly* so we can read it. Each bottle must have an *entry label* attached by glue or tape. Make copies as needed.

If entering several wines of same year and varietal, designate a different lot number for each wine (i.e., 2001 Syrah Lot A, 2001 Syrah Lot B, etc.).

Entry fee is **\$10.00** per bottle. Registration forms, fees and wine must be received together. (Please use appropriate packaging). Make *one* check for all entries payable to: Placer County Wine & Grape Association. ***All wines must be received from July 5, 2011 to July 21, 2011.***

**Where to Enter:**

Wines, bottle labels attached, may be delivered with entry form(s) and fees to any of the below:

Secret Ravine Winery  
4390 Gold Trail Way  
Loomis, CA 95619  
(916) 652-6015  
Weekends 12-4  
Weekdays call for appointment

Fortezza Winery  
10555 Harris Rd  
Auburn, CA 95603  
(916) 502-5412  
Weekends 11-4  
Weekdays call for appointment

Doug Geiger  
3690 Auburn Folsom Rd.  
Loomis, CA 95650  
Call first (916) 807-0108

**Awards and Results:**

Each table of judges will consist of a commercial wine maker, a consumer, and a professional in the wine industry. Results and awards will be announced the day of the Judging and will be published on our web site. Ribbons will be awarded at the event to gold, silver and bronze award winners. Best of Classes will be awarded. Awards not picked the day of the event may be picked up at a later PCWGA meeting (awards will not be mailed).

## **Wine Classification and Rules:**

Classify your wine according to the division and classes listed. Improperly classified wines will be reclassified per the discretion of the Chief Judge.

1. A varietal wine must be made from at least 75% that varietal.
2. Miscellaneous varietals and/or blends will be grouped in like flights.

### **DIVISION 1 - White Wine**

- Class 1 Chenin Blanc
- Class 2 Sauvignon Blanc
- Class 3 Chardonnay
- Class 4 Viognier
- Class 5 Other Whites and blends

### **DIVISION 2 - Red Wine**

- Class 1 Pinot Noir
- Class 2 Sangiovese
- Class 3 Merlot
- Class 4 Zinfandel
- Class 5 Petite Sirah
- Class 6 Cabernet Franc
- Class 7 Barbera
- Class 8 Syrah
- Class 9 Cabernet Sauvignon
- Class 10 Other Reds and blends

### **DIVISION 3 – Blush/Rose Wine**

- Class 1 Rose (dry) – specify varietal and/or blend
- Class 2 Rose (semi-sweet) – specify varietal and/or blend and residual sugar level

### **DIVISION 4 - Sparkling Wine**

- Class 1 Sparkling Wine – specify varietal and/or blend and residual sugar level

### **DIVISION 5 - Fruit/Exotic Wines**

- Class 1 Seed Fruit -specify variety, blend and residual sugar level
- Class 2 Stone Fruit -specify variety, blend and residual sugar level
- Class 3 Berry – specify variety, blend and residual sugar level
- Class 4 Other – specify variety, blend and residual sugar level

### **DIVISION 6 - Dessert Wines**

- Class 1 > 3% Residual Sugar non-fortified – specify varietal and/or type and R.S. level
- Class 2 Fortified wine - specify varietal and/or type and residual sugar level