



2020 FACT SHEET

WHAT: The 2020 Seattle Wine Awards marks the 15th Anniversary of this lauded celebration of Northwest wine & ciders and continues to host the largest, most prestigious and professional recognition program for Washington State vitis-vinifera, and fruit wines.

WHEN: **Entry Deadline: Monday, April 2, 2020.** (*Entries must be received by this date.*)
Tasting & Evaluation April 18-19, 2020
Results Released On-Line – May 1, 2020
Award Certificates Mailed – June 10, 2020.
2020 Gold Medal Wine Experience ~ Aug. 24, South Seattle College Campus

WHO: Past Tasting Panel Participants:

Darius Allyn	Master Sommelier	Joel Butler	Master of Wine
Jeff Cox	PCC Markets	Fred Dame	Master Sommelier
Doug Frost	MS / MW	Dr. Thomas Henick-Kling	WSU
Jeff Lindsey-Thorsen	RN 74	Dan McCarthy	McCarthy & Schiering
Chris Miller	Master Sommelier	Rebecca Murphy	Dallas Int'l Wine Comp.
Barb Philip	Master of Wine	Thomas Price	Master Sommelier
Tim O'Brien	Salty's Seafood Grills	Mark Takagi	Metropolitan Markets

HOW: Wines from recognized Washington AVAs only – includes WA AVA's extending into Oregon. Evaluation is held single-blind in variety/style and retail price tiers. Best in Class, Double Gold/Gold/Silver/Bronze ~ Grand Awards of Excellence

COST: **ENTRY DEADLINE ~ Monday, April 2, 2020 ~ \$60.00 Fee per Entry**
Please submit **(3 ea)** 750 ml. samples of **each entry** for Dry, Sparkling, Fruit Wine and (3 ea) 375ml - 500 ml. bottles of Dessert Style / Fortified Wine per ENTRY. Entry Forms & Payment Receipt MUST Accompany each entry box/shipment. **Checks Payable to: CHANNEL ONE PRODUCTIONS**
Credit Card Payments on-line. Personal Delivery, UPS, FED-Ex accepted.

SHIP TO: **Seattle Wine Awards**
c/o ESQUIN WINE STORAGE / 2700 Fourth Ave South, Seattle, WA 98134

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[Email Tracking Numbers or Text Alerts when shipping entries.](#)

[Please include Entry Forms & Fees by Check or PayPal Receipts with Each Box/Shipment.](#)

Wine@SeattleWineAwards.com

Entry Criteria & Category Guidelines

* Categories Separated into Three Winery Listed Retail Bottle Price Tiers *

\$20.00 & Under / \$20.01 – \$35.00 / \$35.01 & Over

2020 Diamond of The Decade ~ Recognizing World-Class Wines from Vintage 2010.

- CAT CODE WINE DESCRIPTION
- 10BDX 2010 Bordeaux Style Blends
- 10CAB 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon
- 10MER 2010 Merlot
- 10PINO 2010 Pinot Noir
- 10RPROP 2010 Red Proprietary Blends
- 10RHONE 2010 Rhône Style Blends
- 10SYR 2010 Syrah

Dessert Style Wines, Dessert Fruit Wines, Ciders & Perries

- DICE Ice Wines – All Varieties (Vinifera & Non-Vinifera)
- DLATE Late Harvest – All Varieties (Vinifera & Non-Vinifera)
- DFORT Fortified Wines (Vinifera & Non-Vinifera)
- DFRUIT Dessert Style Fruit Wines
- MEAD All Styles of Mead

Rosé Wines, Dry & Sweet Fruit Wines

- SROSÉ All styles of Single Variety Rosé wines
- BROSÉ All styles of Blended Variety Rosé wines
- FROSÉ All styles of Fruit Rosé or Blush.
- FRUIT All styles of Dry Fruit Wines.
- SFRUIT All styles of Fruit Wines with Residual Sugar.

Sparkling Wines

- SPARKD Dry Sparkling Wines (Brut Zero, Brut)
- SPARKO Off-Dry Sparkling Wine (Extra Brut, Demi-Sec)
- SPARKS Sweet Sparkling Wines (Demi-Sec or Sweet)

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Still White Wines

- CAT CODE WINE DESCRIPTION
- WALBA Albariño
- WALIG Aligoté
- WBORD Bordeaux Style or Blends of : Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon, Muscadelle
- WSAUV Sauvignon Blanc
- WCHAB Chablis Style Chardonnay – Stainless / Neutral Oak
- WCHAR Chardonnay – New or Seasoned Oak
- WCHEN Chenin Blanc
- WGEWZ Gewürztraminer
- WGREN Grenache Blanc
- WMARS Marsanne
- WPINO Pinot Gris/Pinot Grigio
- WPROP White Proprietary Blends
- WRIES Riesling: Dry or Residual Sugar (list RS per entry)
- WRHON S. Rhone Blends: Bourboulenc, Grenache Blanc, Marsanne, Picpoul, Roussanne, Viognier, etc...
- WROUS Roussanne
- WVIOG Viognier
- WVARI All Other White Varietals
- WILD Non-Vitis Vinifera Varieties

Red Wines

- CAT CODE WINE DESCRIPTION
- RAGLI Aglainico
- RBARB Barbera
- RBORD Bordeaux Style or Blends: Cab Sauv/Franc, Merlot, Petite Verdot, Malbec
- RCAB Cabernet Sauvignon
- RCARM Carménère
- RCINS Cinsault
- RCOUN Cunoise
- RFRANC Cabernet Franc
- RDOLC Dolcetto
- RGAM Gamay Noir
- RGREN Grenache
- RMAL Malbec
- RMER Merlot
- RMOUR Mourvèdre
- RNEBB Nebbiolo
- RPINO Pinot Noir
- RBURG Pinot Noir in the Burgundy Style

Red Wines

- CAT CODE WINE DESCRIPTION
- RPROP Proprietary Blends
- RHONE S. Rhone Blends: Grenache, Mourvèdre, Cinsault, Counoise, Syrah
- RSANG Sangiovese
- RSPAN Spanish Varieties / Styles
- RSYRAH Syrah
- RSYNOR Northern Rhone Style Syrah
- RTEMP Tempranillo
- RZIN Zinfandel / Primitivo
- RVARI All Other Red Varieties
- RWILD All Non-Vitis Vinifera Red Grape Wines.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Q: Why Should I Enter?**
- **A:** The Seattle Wine Awards are celebrated by consumer and industry alike as the premier PNW wine and cider evaluation and awards program. This recognition offers talking points and accolades that represent the best in world-class Washington, Oregon and Idaho vitis-vinifera wine, fruit wine and wine agriculture.
- **Q: How are the Wine & Cider Awards Promoted?**
- **A:** Results are published on-line at SeattleWineAwards.com. Results are sent to local, regional and national newspapers. Posted on SM/FB/Twitter/Instagram
- **Q: How Many Wines/Ciders May I Enter?**
- **A:** There is no limit to the number of entries - you may submit wine/ciders from past vintages and past evaluations.
- **Q: May I Enter Multiple Wines/Ciders Brands on Same Form?**
- **A: NO.** Please include One Entry Form per Each Winery/Brand. With thousands of wines and hundreds of entries, this helps us ensure your samples are properly checked, processed and evaluated.
- **Q: What is a Tech Sheet?**
- **A:** Tech sheets provide us with pertinent information such as variety composition, vineyard sources, residual sugar, appellation information, fruits, blend percentages. Please include these with each entry.
- **Q: How Can I Pay Entry Fees?**
- **A:** Pay by check included with shipment (Payable to: CHANNEL ONE PRODUCTIONS) or by Credit Card with On-line Entry at: www.SeattleWineAwards.com / www.OregonWineAwards.com / www.IdahoWineAwards.com

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- **** If Needed Mail Checks Payable To:**
- Channel One Productions 1733 45th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116-1910 **

- **Q: What is the 2020 Diamond of the Decade Wine?**
- **A:** This year we will evaluate **2010 Vintage** Bordeaux, Red Rhone, and Proprietary Style Blends, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir and Syrah to recognize and celebrate quality, class and longevity.

- **Q: May I Hand-Deliver my Entries?**
- **A:** YES. UPS, Fed-Ex or Hand Delivery is welcome to Esquin Wine & Spirits.
- Please ensure your boxes are well marked / labeled / identified and secure with Entry Form, Tech Sheets, Check or Payment Receipt in Each Box/Shipment by April 2, 2020.

- **Q: Award Certificates & Corrections?**
- **A:** Please ensure handwriting is clear, legible and correct. Results are posted June 1. Unfortunately, 'to err is human'...and mistakes happen. We make every effort to be concise and request your corrections to us by June 1. Medals are not available at this time.

- **Q: How do I Register for the 2020 Gold Medal Wine Experience – Sat. Aug. 22?**
- **A:** Registration opens June 1 on-line. Space is limited. First Paid / First Reserved.

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