



*Diamond of the Decade*



## ENTRY CATEGORIES & FACT SHEET

- WHAT:** The Seattle Wine Awards (Washington State Wine Awards) was founded in 2006 by Seattle Sommelier Christopher Chan and is now the largest, most prestigious and professional recognition program for Washington State wine, mead, and fruit wine. Our evaluation process is unparalleled in its' integrity, caliber of tasting panelists, professional process, sensory criteria, service standards and safety-first protocols. Join us as we celebrate the Best in Washington State Viticulture and Enology.
- WHEN:** **Entry Deadline: April 2.** *(Entry forms, fees, sheets and samples must be received by April 2.)*  
**Results Emailed May 10. Edits/Corrections Due Via Email by May 15**  
**Awards Announced June 1. Awards Mailing – June 15**
- WHO:** Past Tasting Panel Participants:
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|-----------------------------------|--|
| Victoria Antilla – Daniel’s, WA   | Darius Allyn - MS, Hong Kong             |
| Bree Stock, MW Oregon Wine Board  | Joel Butler – MW, World of Wine, WA      |
| Jeff Cox - Buyer PC Markets, WA   | Evan Goldstein - Master Sommelier, CA    |
| Beth Hickey – AS, WA              | Tiffany Tobey – CS, Hilton Hotels, TX    |
| Doug Frost - MS / MW, KC          | Dr. Thomas Henick-Kling, WSU V&E         |
| Chris Miller - MS, CA             | Rebecca Murphy - Dallas Int'l Wine Comp. |
| Barb Philip - MW, BC Liquor Board | Thomas Price – MS, WA                    |
| Anthony Mueller – Wine Critic, CA | Mark Takagi – Buyer Met Markets, WA      |
- HOW:** Wines from recognized Washington AVAs only – includes WA AVA’s extending into Oregon. Evaluation is held single blind in variety and retail price tiers.
- AWARDS:** Best of Class + Diamond of The Decade - Double Gold Wines of 10+ Years  
Double Gold + Gold + Silver + Bronze ~ Grand Awards of Excellence
- COST:** **ENTRY DEADLINE ~ April 2 ~ \$65.00 Entry Fee per Entry**  
Please submit (3 ea) 750 ml. bottles Table Wine, Sparkling Wine or Mead  
(3 ea) 375 ml. or 500 ml. bottles of Dessert Style Wine per Category Entry.  
**Checks Payable to: CHANNEL ONE PRODUCTIONS**  
**Credit Card Payments on-line @ [www.seattlewineawards.com](http://www.seattlewineawards.com)**
- SHIP TO:** **Seattle Wine Awards**  
**c/o ESQUIN WINE STORAGE / 2700 Fourth Ave South, Seattle, WA 98134**
- CONTACT:** Christopher Chan ~ Executive Director, Seattle Wine Awards  
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## Entry Criteria & Category Guidelines

**\* Style and Variety Categories Delineated by Suggested Retail Prices \***

**\$20.00 & Under / \$20.01 – \$35.00 / \$35.01 & Over - per Bottle**

<b>2023 Diamond of The Decade - Wines from 2013 Vintage</b>	
13WBORD	2013 White Bordeaux Style Blends
13BDX	2013 Bordeaux Style Blends
13CAB	2013 Cabernet Sauvignon
13FRANC	2013 Cabernet Franc
13GREN	2013 Grenache
13MAL	2013 Malbec
13MER	2013 Merlot
13PINO	2013 Pinot Noir
13RPROP	2013 Red Proprietary Blends
13RHONE	2013 Rhône Style Blends
13SANG	2013 Sangiovese
13SYRAH	2013 Syrah
13TEMP	2013 Tempranillo
13ZIN	2013 Zinfandel
13OPEN	2013 Open Category
13WHT	2013 White Wine – Open Category
<b>Dessert Style Wines, Fruit Wines, Mead</b>	
DICE	Ice Wine
DLATE	Late Harvest – All Varieties (Vinifera & Non-Vinifera)
DFORT	Fortified Wines (Vinifera & Non-Vinifera)
DFRUIT	Dessert Style Fruit Wines
SFRUIT	All styles of Fruit Wines with Residual Sugar.
MEAD-SWEET	Honey Wine with Elevated Sweetness
MEAD-DRY	Honey Wine Dry to Taste
MEAD - FLV	Honey Wine - Flavored
MEAD - OFF	Honey Wine Off-Dry to Taste
<b>Rosé Wine &amp; Dry Fruit Wines</b>	
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 Fruit Wines with Residual Sugar.
SFRUIT	All styles of Fruit Wines with Residual Sugar.

<b>Sparkling Wines</b>	
SPARKD	Dry Sparkling Wines (Brut Zero, Brut)
SPARKO	Off-Dry Sparkling Wine (Extra Brut, Demi-Sec)
SPE'N	Petillant Nature / Frizzante
SPARKS	Sweet Sparkling Wines (Demi-Sec or Sweet)
<b>Still White Wines</b>	
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
WFREN	French Varieties not Listed
WGEWZ	Gewürztraminer
WGREN	Grenache Blanc
WITALY	Italian Varieties not Listed
WMARS	Marsanne
WPINO	Pinot Gris/Pinot Grigio
WPROP	White Proprietary Blends
WRIED	Riesling - Dry to Taste
WRIES	Riesling - Hint to Obvious Sweetness
WRHON	S. Rhone Blends: Bourboulenc, Grenache Blanc, Marsanne, Picpoul, Roussanne, Viognier, etc...
WROUS	Roussanne
WSPAN	Spanish Varieties not Listed
WVIOG	Viognier
WVARI	All Other White Varieties
WILD	All Non-Vitis Vinifera White Wines
<b>Still Red Wines</b>	
RAGLI	Aglianico
RBARB	Barbera
RBORD	Bordeaux Style Blends: Cab Sauv/Franc, Merlot, Petite Verdot, Malbec
RCAB	Cabernet Sauvignon
RCARM	Carménère
RCINS	Cinsault
RCOUN	Counoise
RFRANC	Cabernet Franc

RFREN	French Varieties not Listed
RDOLC	Dolcetto
RGAM	Gamay Noir
RGREN	Grenache
RITALY	Italian Varieties not Listed
RMAL	Malbec
RMER	Merlot
RMOUR	Mourvèdre
RNEBB	Nebbiolo
RPINO	Pinot Noir
RBURG	Pinot Noir in the Burgundy Style
RPROP	Proprietary Blends
RHONE	S. Rhone Blends: Grenache, Mourvèdre, Cinsault, Counoise, Syrah
RSANG	Sangiovese
RSPAN	Spanish Varieties / Styles not Listed
RSYRAH	Syrah
RSYNOR	Northern Rhone Style Syrah
RTEMP	Tempranillo
RZIN	Zinfandel / Primitivo
RVARI	All Other Red Varieties
RWILD	All Non-Vitis Vinifera Red Wines

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **Q: Why Should I Enter?**
- **A:** The Seattle Wine Awards is the largest and most prestigious wine recognition program for the state of Washington. Lauded by consumers, retailers and industry alike, the integrity of our process is unparalleled from the: selection of tasting panelist; sensory criteria; professional protocol; service standards; and a safety-first environment. Established in 2006 the Washington State Wine Awards team has continually proven to be a leader in every facet and mechanics of professional wine tasting. Our strong, colorful and highly visible etched medals are the finest in the industry and wield instant elevation and cause for celebration.
- **Q: How are the Wine & Cider Awards Promoted?**
- **A:** Results are published on-line at: [www.SeattleWineAwards.com](http://www.SeattleWineAwards.com) / Top Wines Printed in August Puget Sound Business Journal – Washington Wine Magazine Instagram@wawineawards / and featured on [www.2mintasting.com](http://www.2mintasting.com) Results are sent to local, regional and national newspapers and PR agencies.

[Email us with Tracking Numbers or Alerts when shipping entries.](#)  
[Please include Entry Forms & Fees by Check or PayPal Receipts with each box.](#)

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- **Q: How Many Wines/Entries May I Enter?**
- **A:** There is no limit to the number of entries - you may submit current releases as well as wine from past vintages and past evaluations.
  
- **Q: May I Enter Multiple Wine 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: What is the Diamond of the Decade Wine?**
- **A:** We taste and evaluate a host of red wine styles, varieties and blends vinted and harvested 10 years prior and award Double Gold to recognize and celebrate the powerful expression of character, graceful maturity, class and longevity.
  
- **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](http://www.SeattleWineAwards.com)
- Mail Checks Payable To / Include Photocopy w Entry & Samples
- **Channel One Productions 1733 45<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116-1910**
  
- **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 tape and include a copy of your Entry Form, Tech Sheets and Check or Payment Receipt by April 2.
  
- **Q: Award Corrections, Listing and Mailing?**
- **A:** Please ensure handwriting is clear, legible and correct. Results sent via email by May 10. Unfortunately, 'to err is human'...and mistakes happen. We make every effort to be concise and request your edits/corrections to us by May 15. Results posted On-Line June 1.

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