



Fruit Wine &
Cider Makers

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New Zealand Fruit Wine Awards Information 2020

Introduction

The Fruit Wine and Cider Makers Association of New Zealand is pleased to announce the 2020 New Zealand Fruit Wine Awards. The Fruit Wine and Cider Awards have been held annually since 1984. These awards recognise the best producers and celebrate our superb fruit wines and ciders.

Rules For Entry

1. Entry is open to all Fruit Wine Makers involved in commercial operation.
2. Entries must be commercially available at the date of the Awards Presentation.
3. When Fruit Wine Makers Awards Medals are used for marketing purposes, the year that the award was attained must be included, ie: 'Gold Medal 2019' not simply 'Gold Medal'
4. Entries are restricted to commercially bottled Fruit Wine.
5. The MINIMUM production batch of any wine entered must be 200 litres of bottled product for Classes F1 - 5. Class F6 (evaluation class) has no batch size requirements.
6. Email entry forms to the Steward: fwcmanz@gmail.com , or post entry forms and fees to Fruit Wine & Cider Makers NZ, 129 Taylors Rd, Otaki, 5583.
7. Entries must be sent to "NZ Fruit Wine Awards", To C/o Redwood Cider Co, 523 Moutere Highway, RD1 Richmond, Nelson 7081.
8. Entries will be eligible for Awards and Trophies. Class F6 and International entries are not eligible for Trophies.
9. All entries must comply with the statutory requirements of Country of origin. E.g. production and subsequent amendments as to composition and labelling, which must include alcohol and capacity statements.
10. There shall be no limit to the number of entries provided that each entry is a different fruit clearly and separately identifiable by label. The same wine cannot be entered into two different classes.
11. Temporary clearly marked labels may be used where commercial labels are not available, temporary labels must comply with the above requirements.
12. Entries that are late or do not meet with requirements will be judged for medals but will not be eligible for trophies.

Conditions of Entry: Class 6 Evaluation

Rules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 12 do not apply to Class F6, however rules 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 do apply.

Disputes

The decision of the Committee Chairman in the matter of any dispute or doubt arising from the interpretation of these Award regulations or in the conduct of the competition or analyses shall be final.

Important Dates for 2020:

1st September – Entries open

15th October – Entries close. Payment due.

16th October – Entries must be received by the Stewards. To: NZ Fruit Wine Awards c/o Redwood Cider Co, 523 Moutere Highway, RD1 Richmond, Nelson 7081.

20th October – Judging

6th November – AGM & Awards Presentation, Nelson.

Judging

Judging Protocol

- All Judging will be conducted using “Blind” panels. Each entry will be identified by a number assigned by the Stewards. Judges will see only that number, along with any other information required to properly assess the entry, such as turbidity, stylistic notes etc.
- Entries will be judged on appearance, aroma, flavour and overall impression. Gold, silver and bronze awards are awarded based on this assessment. Judges are not compelled to make awards if the entries do not merit them.
- Medals are awarded on the following basis:
 - **Gold:** **Outstanding Example**
 - **Silver:** **Excellent Example**
 - **Bronze:** **Very Good Example**

Trophies

Trophies will be allocated to the highest scoring wine in each trophy category as prescribed below:

(Only Wine made in New Zealand is eligible for these trophies)

Highest Scoring Fruit Wine Trophy	Classes F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, eligible
Graeme Oldfield Memorial Trophy	All Feijoa wines eligible
Best Sparkling Wine Trophy	Classes F1B and F2D eligible
Best Fortified Wine Trophy	Classes F3 and F5 eligible
Best Still White Fruit Wine Trophy	All white wine in Classes F1A, F2A, F2B, F2C.
Best Still Red Fruit Wine Trophy	All red wine in Classes F1A, F2A, F2B, F2C.

In the case of a tied highest score, the tied wines will be re-analysed to allocate the Trophy recipient.

The highest scoring Fruit Wine must have been awarded at least a silver. If the highest scoring Fruit Wine is a bronze then no trophy will be given. No trophy will be given for classes with fewer than two entries.

The Judges

This year the judging will take place at the Moutere Hills Community Centre near Nelson. Our judges for 2020 are James Rowan, Merophy Hyslop, Dylan Jauslin, Justin Oliver, Trudy Shields and Alex Peckham, assisted by two associate judges.

There is a great team of Stewards led by David Sax.

Sponsors

As we all know, a lot of events like this wouldn't be possible without the continuing support from industry sponsors. They come from all sectors such as supply, delivery and distribution, and retail. For all their support, we would like to thank the sponsors for their generosity.

Event sponsors will be displaying at the awards, as well as representatives of their companies being present. Please take time to view their displays, and maybe take a moment to talk to them, they could possibly add value to your business.

Awards Fees

All NZ Cider producers must be fully paid up members of the FWCMANZ as at 1 September 2020 (2018/19 levy paid by 31 August 2020) to enter the 2020 NZ Cider Awards.

All members' first entry is free. Subsequent entries are at a rate of \$60 (incl GST) per entry.

Note: There is no longer a non-member option available, you must be a fully paid up member to enter the NZ Cider Awards.

An invoice will be emailed on receipt of the entry form. Payment must be received by 15th October 2020 when entries close.

Entry Forms

Please complete the entry form, even if only entering one wine, and send to fwcmanz@gmail.com. There is a column for your product's Specific Gravity and alcohol of the finished product, please fill this in (if you are unsure of the specific gravity please give an indication of sweetness in brix or g/L). There is also a column allowing entrants to make a note to the judges about the stylistic integrity of their product e.g. "Haze present - bottle conditioned". These notes will be moderated by the Stewards.

Awards Entry Classes

It is important to ensure products are entered in the correct Class, as the Competition can take no responsibility for judging scores affected adversely by entry into the incorrect class.

F1. Low alcohol wine – up to 9% Alc. by Vol. (please note approximate SG on entry form to assist stewards)

F1A – Still

F1B – Sparkling

F2. Table wine 9% - 14% Alc. by Vol. (please note approximate SG on entry form to assist stewards)

F2A – Dry (under 1002 SG)

F2B – Medium (1002 – 1015 SG)

F2C – Sweet (over 1015 SG)

F2D – Sparkling

F3. Fortified Fruit Wine - 14% - 23% Alc. by Vol.

- F4.** Mead – up to 14% Alc. by Vol.
- F5.** Liqueurs - minimum 15% Alc. by Vol. Fermented or non-fermented fruit juice base.
- F6.** Evaluation Category: Suitable for wines produced in small (less than 200L), non-commercial, or experimental quantities. Also suitable for entries no longer commercially available (so not eligible for other classes). Medals will be awarded, but entries will not be eligible for trophies. Please note on the entry form which of the above classes you wish the entry to be judged in.

The Fruit Wine and Cider Makers of New Zealand would like to wish all entrants the best of luck!