



ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND  
**NEBRASKA STATE FAIR**

AUGUST 26 – SEPTEMBER 5, 2011  
GRAND ISLAND, NE

## **Wine**

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## GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

### **1. GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The following general rules & regulations apply to all departments. Please refer to each department for specific rules and requirements.

It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to be familiar with all applicable rules & regulations.

### **2. INTERPRETATION OF RULES:**

The Nebraska State Fair reserves to itself the final and absolute right to interpret, amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine, and to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard hereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.

### **3. COMPLIANCE:**

The Nebraska State Fair management under no circumstances, will be responsible for personal injury, and assumes no liability for loss or damage of any nature to any property of the concessionaire, exhibitor or patron while on the grounds or at any time or place due to theft, fire, tornado, weather conditions, or other causes, nor be liable for or make any payment for the value thereof. By submitting an entry form, exhibitors agree to comply with all rules and regulations governing the Nebraska State Fair.

### **4. VIOLATION:**

All exhibitors are bound by the most current editions of Nebraska State Fair's Space Rental Rules & Regulations. Any violation of these rules & regulations will subject exhibitor to any penalties as Nebraska State Fair may order and/or penalties prescribed by law.

### **5. COOPERATION:**

In all buildings where different entries are present at the same time, the Nebraska State Fair expects that all exhibitors will extend courtesy to other exhibitors and their exhibits. This includes respect for designated areas, information signage, and division barriers. Any questions which may arise should be referred to the Superintendent of your show.

### **6. SMOKING:**

To safeguard exhibitors and entries, it is necessary to prohibit smoking in the buildings. We ask all exhibitors and guests to cooperate with us in enforcing this rule.

### **7. ALCOHOL ABUSE:**

To safeguard exhibitors, entries, livestock and the public, the State of Nebraska Rules on Alcohol Use and Abuse will be enforced.

### **8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

The Nebraska State Fair reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling if deemed necessary.

### **9. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:**

The Nebraska State Fair management provides to all persons the opportunity to exhibit at the Fair without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or other non-merit factors. Any discrimination will be prohibited.

### **10. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

All applications for entry must be made On Line or on an official Nebraska State Fair Entry Form. Entry forms may be obtained from the State Fair website, [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org), or the Nebraska State Fair office (photo copies are acceptable). Using the On-Line method is preferred as it is the most accurate way of entering. Entries must be accompanied by all fees and other sums due the State Fair or entry will not be accepted.

No person, other than those in authority, will be allowed to see the entries or have access to the entry data until such time as the entries shall have been closed.

Should any individual enter an entry in a name other than that of a bona fide owner or attempt to perpetuate a fraud by misrepresenting any fact, the entry thus made shall not be allowed to compete for or receive any award, and the owner shall be barred from this show until reinstated.

When not otherwise stipulated, entries and competition are open to the public. No article will be considered unless provided for in the Entry Premium Book.

**11. Entry Deadline/Late Entries:**

**See each department's entry rules and regulations for entry deadlines and information regarding late entries.**

**12. JUDGES / JUDGING:**

No person shall be permitted to judge a class in which he/she may be competing for an award or have an ownership of any article entered in such class.

Judges are earnestly requested to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations of this show.

If any exhibitor interferes with the judges in the performance of their duties by letter, act, or otherwise he/she shall be excused from competition and exhibition for such period of time as Management may determine and shall forfeit any awards received at this Fair. Any person, not an exhibitor, who interferes with the judges in any manner during the performance of their duties, shall be asked to leave the judging arena.

When there are three (3) judges making a placing, the decision of two (2) shall be conclusive.

**13. DISPUTES:**

The Nebraska State Fair Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules & Regulations and to arbitrarily settle disputes and questions of differences.

**14. ERRONEOUS ENTRY:**

Participants are responsible for their own entries, and those of their agents and representatives, in preparation of entries. Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred, at the discretion of the Superintendent of the department, to their proper class, prior to judging, upon application to the Nebraska State Fair, who will determine the matter upon its merits. If such classes have been judged, they shall not be reopened.

**15. PROTESTS:**

All formal protests must be submitted in writing to the State Fair Superintendent. All forms must be signed by three individuals, and be accompanied by a monetary fee of \$150.00, cash or certified check. Such written protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the Superintendent immediately upon the occasion of the protest. No complaint or appeal based solely upon the statement that a judge is incompetent will be considered by Management.

This complaint, along with supporting documents, will be submitted to the Superintendent and Executive Director. The report of wrongdoing will then be reviewed by a neutral panel for review. The panel shall review the form, the allegations, and the supporting documents or evidence and report its findings and proposed decision to the Superintendent and the Executive Director. At no time will any exhibition, judging event, or any other ongoing event be delayed, stopped or interrupted as a result of any allegation of wrongdoing.

Where a protest is to be made against the competition of an article in any class, notice of same must be filed with the department Superintendent before the class is judged or immediately after the conclusion of class judging. Once an exhibit reaches championship judging, NO protests will be accepted.

Any decision rendered by the Executive Director and Superintendent based upon the review and proposed decision of the neutral panel shall be deemed a final decision.

**16. AWARDS:**

Where there are fewer entries in a class than the number of premiums offered, the judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the exhibit merits. Unworthy exhibit: judges shall not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the Fair Management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any exhibit that is not deserving.

An individual exhibitor may enter unlimited exhibits in any individual class unless specified differently in the department entry book, but shall not be awarded more than two premiums from the individual class. Where there is but one exhibitor in a class, there will be only one premium awarded. Provided there are competing exhibitors (two or more) in a class, all placings and premiums may be awarded, except as noted in special department policies.

Payment of awards will be made within sixty (60) days after the last day of the Fair. **NO AWARD CHECK WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR FOR LESS THAN \$2.00.** The Nebraska State Fair will not be held liable for any award or premium offered by an individual or company, separate from the Nebraska State Fair, should that individual or company fail to provide the offered award or premium.

Not all departments will award all ribbon places.

**17. STATE FIRE MARSHALL:**

**By order of the State Fire Marshal, the use of flammable and combustible materials inside the buildings is strictly prohibited. These types of materials must be used outside of the buildings only.**

**18. RETURNED CHECKS:**

Any exhibitor issuing a check for payment, which is returned as non-sufficient funds or for any other reason not clearing their account, will be charged a \$40.00 service charge. No exhibitor will be permitted to show until the non-sufficient check has been paid. The exhibitor will have five (5) working days within which to make payment, by cash or money order, in the amount of the outstanding check plus the service charge. If any check is returned after exhibitor has shown, all premiums will be held until the amount of the check plus the service charge is paid.

**19. CONCESSIONS AND ADVERTISING PRIVILEGES:**

All exhibits, concessions and/or commercial privileges are at the sole discretion of Fair Management. Under no circumstances will any advertising matter be allowed to be placed upon buildings, trees or other places on the grounds or otherwise distributed without Management permission.

**20. EXHIBITOR LIABILITY:**

The exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the Premium Book. Exhibitor shall indemnify the Nebraska State Fair against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as any damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor or exhibites with the Fair.

**21. LOTTERIES**

No lottery or raffle shall be conducted at the Nebraska State Fair without the written authority of the Nebraska State Fair Board.

**22. MAILING ADDRESS**

Those in attendance at the Nebraska State Fair for the duration of the Fair should have mail addressed: c/o Nebraska State Fair, P.O. Box 1387, Grand Island, NE 68802

**23. SOLICITATION**

All advertising and/or distribution of advertising materials, tracts, pamphlets, etc. must be confined to a leased location.

**24. TICKET POLICY**

Discount admission tickets are available, **ONLY to exhibitors**, if purchased on the entry form, at a cost of \$4.00 per person/per day. Exhibitor tickets (a maximum of 5 days per household) must be purchased on the entry form and **are for the sole use of the exhibitor**. No additional exhibitor tickets may be purchased after the entry form has been submitted. No tickets will be mailed after Friday, August 19, but may be called for at the Ticket Office.

**Non-exhibitor** ticket prices:

Adults (excluding Aug 29-31).....	\$8
Aug 29-31 .....	\$5
Advance-sale adult gate tickets (available through August 25).....	\$6
Children, 6 to 12 years of age.....	\$3
Children, 5 years of age and under.....	Free

Re-admission to the grounds on the same calendar day is offered via a hand stamp at all exit gates. NO REFUNDS will be given on any admission ticket.

**25. CAMPGROUND**

All campers are required to stop at the Campground office, pay the camping charges in advance, and receive a lot location assignment. Upon payment of camping charges, campground stickers will be furnished for cars. All vehicles without a sticker will be required to pay \$3 per night for camping. The Campground area is fenced with a permanent fence, and a Campground Manager is on duty at all times. The Manager will assign camping locations and will maintain a Campground directory.

**CAMPGROUND FEES (PER DAY)**

Campers & Trailers (full hook-up – all services & pad parking).....	\$28 (plus tax)
Electric & water service only.....	\$25 (plus tax)
Tent Space or Self-contained (no services).....	\$22 (plus tax)
Autos (without trailers/campers) .....	\$3 (plus tax)
Additional persons over 12 years of age (2 persons included with one night camping fee) .....	\$1 (plus tax)

All campers must leave the camping area by 3 p.m., or they will be charged an additional day at the regular daily rate.

Gate admission tickets to State Fairgrounds must be purchased each day at the Gate where the bus drops its passengers. (see "Ticket Policy" for prices).

Free bus service will be available to and from the Campground. The bus will begin the route at 7:30 a.m. each day and will run every ½-hour until 10 p.m. The only boarding place for returning to the Campground is at the east side of the 4H/FFA exhibit building (North side of the grounds).

**26. ALL PARKING**

Vehicles are required to park in places designated by the Fair Management. The Fair Management assumes no obligation and no liability for any theft or damage that may occur to the vehicle or its contents. No vehicles will be allowed to park for the sole purpose of advertising.

All trucks 1/2 ton or larger and livestock trailers will be required, immediately after unloading, to park in designated areas.

## **27. AUXILIARY VEHICLES**

Auxiliary vehicles, such as golf carts, service carts, and other four wheelers, will require a permit for operation in State Fairgrounds, including parking areas and perimeter streets. This permit is available from the State Fair Ticket Office during move-in and during the Fair, for a fee of \$150 for the term. Any person who purchases a permit will be required to sign and abide by the Nebraska State Fair Auxiliary Vehicle Rules and Regulations and **must provide proof of insurance for the vehicle**. Auxiliary vehicles without a permit will not be allowed in the grounds at any time during the Fair. Carts will **NOT** be allowed in the Core Area after 8:30 a.m. any day. A map showing the route for auxiliary vehicles will be provided upon payment and signature for a permit. Some carts may be denied a permit based on size (no auxiliary vehicles over 52" will be allowed).

## ONLINE ENTRY GUIDELINES

Exhibitors are encouraged to enter online rather than by mail. The process saves postage, is faster and less prone to entry errors.

### **To Enter Online**

Go to the home page of the Nebraska State Fair web site, [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org). Click on the "Entry Book/Forms" tab and select "Domestic". Then, midway down the page, click on "How to Enter Online".

**Start** by clicking on the *Login/Logoff* found in the left side of the screen.

**Then apply** the following basic guidelines when following through the online process:

- Note that multiple people can be entered through "Quick Group". See the bottom of page for details.
- Any field title that is in bold print is a required field and must be filled in.
- For names that have two capitalized letters within the name such as "Mc" or "Mac", leave a space between the "c" and the next letter. Failure to do so will result in the next letter being lower case rather than capitalized.
- Do not use periods but only spaces in the name or address fields.
- Use either PO Box or Street Address; do not use both. Put apartment number after the street address.
- Use only a 5-digit zip code.
- Use a valid email address. A receipt with details of your entries will be emailed to this address.
- Exhibitor's birth date is needed only if entering in a class that has an age requirement.
- Note that if your "Return of Entry" is by mail or UPS, you will have to supply the pre-determined cost of this later on in the online entry process. The cost must be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar. This means that if the actual return postage cost is pre-determined to be \$7.05, you must pay the next highest whole dollar amount which is \$8. The minimum return entry cost will be \$2.
- Many departments have specific requirements regarding the description of an entry. However, in all cases, the description entered should not be longer than 40 characters (a character is a letter or space. For example there are 19 characters in the following description: *red & white mittens*.)

When you have finished adding all entries, continue to the payment step:

- Exhibitor tickets must be ordered at the time entries are made. There is a **limit of FIVE exhibitor tickets per household**. Note that orders in excess of five will not be provided. There will be no refunds for excess tickets ordered.
- If you have elected to have your exhibits returned by mail or UPS, enter the dollar amount (without the \$ sign) rounded up to the next whole number from the actual pre-determined cost (see example above).

### **To Complete Online Entry**

After you have entered your credit card information (VISA or MasterCard), you will be asked to confirm the order by entering "YES" in a box and then click on the Submit button. **Do not** click the Submit button again. Additional Submits may result in duplicate charges to your credit card. Response to the submission may take up to 30 seconds or longer. You will receive a confirmation via the email address you entered at the beginning of the session.

Corrections to online entries after the entry has been submitted are made at the time of the fair.

### **To Enter Multiple Family Members Online**

Multiple family members can be entered more efficiently if you initially sign on as a "Quick Group". Give yourself a group name (this is only used on the entry process and appears no place else) and follow the instructions. After entering the first member, you will be given the opportunity to additional members and their entries, one by one. All charges for the group are paid at one time during check out. An entry receipt for each member will be emailed to you.



## WINE

Superintendent:  
Frank Sobetski, Jr.  
Omaha, Ne  
(402) 593-9171

Entry Fee: \$5.00 Per Entry

## ENTRY PROCEDURE

Make check payable to Nebraska State Fair and mail with completed entry form to:  
**Nebraska State Fair, PO Box 1387, Grand Island, NE 68802**

Entry Forms received without entry fee will be returned. **Checks only, no cash please!**

Entry Forms must be postmarked no later than Thursday, July 28, 2011. Entries to arrive at the State Fair office by Thursday, August 4, 2011

Upon receipt of entry form and fee, a pressure sensitive Official Entry Label for each bottle entered will be sent to each exhibitor. Please affix to bottle before arrival for competition.

**Delivery: Ship entries to arrive at the Nebraska State Fair office by August 4, 2011.**

**State Fair Office**  
1811 W 2nd St, STE 440  
Grand Island, NE 68803

**Judging:** August 6, 2011. Judging will take place at Fonner Café at Fonner Park in Grand Island, NE.

**Exhibit on display:** Grand Stand Concourse Exhibit Area

**Premiums and Awarding of Ribbons:** Premiums will be awarded for all Blue ribbon winners all other placings will receive a ribbon.

## RULES

1. All wines must be made by amateur wine maker, at their homes, not at commercial facilities. If made as a group/team, all brewers must be listed.
2. PLEASE NOTE. Classes 521, 522, 523 and 524 require **YOU** to specify Sweet or Dry.
3. Entries must be submitted in a 23-27 fl. oz. wine bottle. Only one bottle per entry is needed in all classes, except where noted. Still wines should be in cork finished bottles.
4. Entries shall bear no labels, markings, or bottle decorations, other than Official Entry Label. **Entry labels should be applied to the upper 1/3 of the bottles. Please do not put labels over the top of the bottles.**
5. There is no limit to the number of entries per exhibitor. All entries in the same class by an individual exhibitor must be different. An exhibitor may enter different types of the same fruit; e.g. Raspberry Red or Raspberry Black; but not two entries just called Raspberry in the same class. Different vintages of the same type will be an adequate difference.
6. Red wine in classes 501 and 503 will be permitted to breathe for one hour prior to the judging.
7. The judging will be held Saturday, August 6, 2011 and will continue until finished.
8. The Best of Show judging will be held immediately following the completion of the individual class judging. There will be three Best of Show categories: Vinifera, Hybrid and Country.
9. The judge's decision will be final.
10. All dry wines must be less than 2% R. S. or have a final S.G. of 1.002 or less.
11. The Grape Wine classes must contain only grapes. They may not be blended with any other fruit. At their discretion, the judges may disqualify any wine they feel violates this rule. Their decision is final.
12. Only the Superintendent, Judges, Helpers, and Scorekeeper will be allowed in the judging area.
13. Exhibitors are not allowed to converse with judges during the competition. Violators will be disqualified and asked to leave the building.
14. Judges will not be allowed to enter wines for competition in any class that they are judging.
15. All entries must be homemade. Commercial wines and wine makers may not enter.
16. All entries must list primary ingredient as noted below:

Apple	Zinfandel
Chenin Blanc	Rhubarb
Elderberry, etc.	
- It would be helpful to the judges to list any secondary ingredients also.
17. **All wines and bottles will be disposed of after the Fair.**
18. PLEASE NOTE that all Wild and Labrusca (i.e. **Concord**) grapes are to be entered in Classes **504 and 514**.
19. NEBRASKA BEST WINEMAKER AWARD POINTS will be awarded as follows:

1st	4pts
2nd	2pts
3rd	1pt

The winemaker with the most points wins the award. No group/team winemakers are eligible for the Nebraska Best Brewer Award.
20. **Most Unusual Wine** rosette will be awarded to the highest scoring, ribbon winning entry made from unusual ingredients, as determined by the judges and superintendent.

All exhibitors are encouraged to attend the judging and observe the competition. If you would like to help with the competition, please write or call:

Frank Sobetski, Jr.  
8410 K Plaza, Suite #10  
Omaha, NE 68127  
(402) 593-9171  
Or  
State Fair Office  
(308)-382-1620

## DIVISION 6405 CLASSES OFFERED

**501 DRY RED VINIFERA GRAPE WINES** - to include all dry red wines from vinifera grapes, not concentrates. e.g. ZINFANDEL, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ALICANTE, PETITE SIRAH, etc. Concord goes in class 503.

**502 DRY WHITE VINIFERA GRAPE WINES** - to include all dry white wines from vinifera grapes, not concentrates. e.g. CHARDONNAY, REISLING, GEWURTZTRAMINER, SAUVIGNON BLANC, etc.

**503 DRY RED HYBRID & NATIVE AMERICAN GRAPE WINES** - to include all dry red wines from French hybrid and native American grapes. e.g. FOCH, BACO NOIR, LEON MILLOT, WILD GRAPE & CONCORD.

**504 DRY WHITE HYBRID & NATIVE AMERICAN GRAPE WINES** - to include all dry white wines from French hybrid and native American grapes. e.g. SEYVAL BLANC, VIGNOLES, RAVAT, DELAWARE, NIAGRA, etc.

**505 DRY GRAPE CONCENTRATE WINES** - to include all dry grape wines produced from concentrates, both red and white.

**506 DRY FRUIT WINES** - to include all dry fruit wines excluding wild native fruits in fruit and berry wines. e.g. APPLE, PEACH, CHERRY, MELON, CITRUS, etc.

**507 DRY BERRY WINES** - to include all dry berry wines e.g. RASPBERRY, BLACKBERRY, CRANBERRY, BOYSENBERRY, etc.  
Wild berries go to #508.

**508 DRY WILD NATIVE FRUIT WINES** - to include all dry wines produced from ELDERBERRY, WILD PLUM, GOOSEBERRY, WILD CHERRY, MULBERRY, etc. NOT CONCORD AND WILD GRAPE.

**509 DRY ROSE GRAPE WINES** - to include all grape wines made in a rose style/color. The variety can be vinifera, labrusca or hybrid.

**510 DRY NOVELTY WINES** - to include all dry wines produced from vegetables, herbs and flowers. This includes RHUBARB.

**511 SWEET RED VINIFERA GRAPE WINES** - to include all sweet red wines from vinifera grapes, not concentrates. e.g. ZINFANDEL, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ALICANTE, PETITE SIRAH, etc. Concord goes in class 513.

**512 SWEET WHITE VINIFERA GRAPE WINES** - to include all sweet white wines from vinifera grapes, not concentrates. e.g. CHARDONNAY, REISLING, GEWURTZTRAMINER, SAUVIGNON BLANC, etc.

**513 SWEET RED HYBRID & NATIVE AMERICAN GRAPE WINES** - to include all sweet red wines from French hybrid and native American grapes. e.g. FOCH, BACO NOIR, LEON MILLOT, WILD GRAPE and CONCORD.

**514 SWEET WHITE HYBRID & NATIVE AMERICAN GRAPE WINES** - to include all sweet white wines from French hybrid and native American grapes. e.g. SEYVAL BLANC, VIGNOLES, RAVAT, DELAWARE, NIAGRA, etc.

**515 SWEET GRAPE CONCENTRATE WINES** - to include all sweet grape wines produced from concentrates, both red and white.

**516 SWEET FRUIT WINES** - to include all sweet fruit wines excluding wild native fruit in fruit and berry wines. e.g. APPLE, PEACH, CHERRY, MELON, CITRUS, etc.

**517 SWEET BERRY WINES** - to include all sweet berry wines e.g. RASPBERRY, BLACKBERRY, CRANBERRY, BOYSENBERRY, etc. Wild berries go to #518.

**518 SWEET WILD NATIVE FRUIT WINES** - to include all sweet wines produced from ELDERBERRY, WILD PLUM, GOOSEBERRY, WILD CHERRY, MULBERRY, etc. NOT CONCORD AND WILD GRAPE.

**519 SWEET ROSE GRAPE WINES** - to include all sweet grape wines made in a rose style/color. The variety can be vinifera, labrusca or hybrid.

**520 SWEET NOVELTY WINES** - to include all sweet wines produced from vegetables, herbs and flowers. This includes RHUBARB.

**521 CHAMPAGNE, SPARKLING WINE and MEAD, SWEET & DRY** - to include ALL carbonated wines. Exhibitor must list major ingredient, and **WHETHER THE ENTRY IS SWEET OR DRY**. You MUST submit one bottle of 25 oz or 2 bottles of 12 oz.

**522 SPECIALTY WINES** - to include all wines made with special processes such as fortifying with alcohol, carbonic maceration, etc. e.g. PORT, SHERRY, CORDIAL and NOUVEAU. **Exhibitor must list major ingredient, special process and whether entry is sweet or dry.**

**523 STILL MEAD** - All Honey with original gravities of 1.050 to 1.140. **Please list whether entry is sweet or dry.** You MUST submit one bottle of 25 oz or 2 bottles of 12 oz.

**524 STILL MELOMEL, CYSER ETC** with original gravities of 1.050 to 1.140. Please list whether entry is sweet or dry. You MUST submit one bottle of 25 oz or 2 bottles of 12 oz.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

Please show your appreciation to the following companies and merchants who have offered Special Awards. They deserve a special "Thank You".

**CALIFORNIA CONCENTRATE CO.** will offer 1 case of concentrate to the Highest Scoring Concentrate Wine.

**LD CARLSON** will offer a \$50 gift certificate, redeemable at Fermenter's Supply, to the Nebraska's Best Winemaker.

**NEBRASKA BEEKEEPERS ASSOC.** will offer one gallon of honey to the highest scoring, ribbon winning Mead entry.

**MOST UNUSUAL WINE** Any entry may be designated for this category, but must first be entered and judged in one of the listed classes. Do not enter this contest directly. The exhibitor may note on the entry form, which entries should be considered for this class

NOTE - Entries for the most unusual wine must first win a ribbon in their respective classes before they will be considered candidates for these special awards.

**NEBRASKA STATE FAIR** will award a plaque and \$75 to each Best of Show winning entry (Vinifera, Hybrid, and Country), and the Most Unusual Wine winning entry. Each Blue ribbon winning entry will receive a \$10 cash award.