

# Boeing Employee's Wine and Beerclub Club

## Rules for BEWBC Wine Judging Competitions

### A. Entries

1. Entries will be accepted from BEWBC & BEEWBC members in good standing (i.e., current dues paid). A \$3.00 entry fee will be charged for each wine entered.
2. Deleted limit on wines entered.
3. Each entry will consist of two full 750 ml size bottles. One will be used for the Preliminary judging, the second for the Final judging if the entry scores high enough to move on to the Finals competition.
4. An entry form will be properly filled out and submitted. The category and class for each wine entered will be determined by the entrant and specified on the entry form. The wine categories and classes are as follows:

#### Category I - Table (Dry) Wine Classes:

- A – Cab (75% or >)    D – Red, other (2)  
B – Merlot (75% >)    E – White/Rose (3)  
C – Red blend (1)    F - Rose non-grape

#### Category II - Sweet Wine Classes:

- G - Red grape            J - White non-grape  
H - Red non-grape      K - Rose grape  
I - White grape         L - Rose non-grape

#### Category III - Sparkling Wine Classes:

- M - Grape                N - Non-grape

#### Category IV - Fortified Wine Class

- O - Fortified

- (1) Even if it has a little white but looks red
- (2) Syrah, Zin, Sangiovese, Concord etc
- (3) Cab Rose, White Zin, Raisin –if not sweet

5. Wine classes may be subdivided or combined, without notice to the entrants, with the intent to have a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 12 entries in any one class. Dividing or combining of classes and the total number of entries in each class will be at the discretion of the Winefest steward(s).
6. All bottles will be labeled to show:
  - a. Winemaker's name
  - b. Principal ingredient (wine variety or name)
  - c. Year in which fermentation was started(Note: Bottles will be masked during judging)
7. All entries become the property of BEWBC. Following the judging, entrants are welcome to recover empty bottles and any unused wine. However, BEWBC does not accept responsibility for such returns.
8. Each wine entered must be made by the person submitting the entry. No artificial coloring (e.g., food coloring) or alcohol (except in the Fortified class) may be added.

### B. Competition Levels

1. Competition will be at two levels, "limited" and "open". The limited level is provided to encourage and reward newer members and those who have not previously entered the competition.
2. Wine entries will be assigned to two major groups - grape and non-grape. An entrant's eligibility for the "limited" level will be determined separately for each of these groups (e.g., an entry may be eligible at the limited level for the grape group, while no longer being eligible for the non-grape group). The

"limited" level within each group is only open to those entrants who have won less than six competition "points" in that group at all previous Winefest competitions. Competition points are awarded as follows:

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> place = 3 points
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 2 points
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 1 point
- d. Best of Show = 1 point

3. A wine which has previously won a place award in a "limited" competition may be re-entered at the "open" level in a later competition, unless that wine placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> overall (from among all limited and open entries in the class) in either the Preliminary or Final competitions.
4. A wine which has previously won a place award in an "open" competition may not be re-entered in a later competition.
5. Records of previous competition results will be maintained to determine each member's eligibility for the "limited" level in each wine group (i.e., grape or non-grape).

### C. Judging

1. All entries will undergo a Preliminary judging at a regular or special meeting of the club designated for such judging. "Limited" and "open" level wines in each class will be judged together without the judges knowing the levels of each wine.
2. All club members and their spouses and/or guests may participate in the Preliminary judging, except that they may not judge any wine class in which the member has an entry.
3. Wines scoring an average of ten points or more in the Preliminary judging will move forward to the Final judging. Exceptions may be made for wines scoring less than 10 points, subject to the discretion of the Winefest steward(s).
4. Final judging will be performed by a panel of persons recognized for their "expertise", typically individuals working in the grape growing, winemaking, wine sales, and restaurant industries.

### D. Awards

1. For both the Preliminary and Final judgments, awards will be based on the average of all scores received for each entry.
2. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be given for the top three ranking wines overall in each class (from both open and limited levels), as well as ribbons for the top three limited wines.
3. At the discretion of the Winefest steward(s), other awards may be given in addition to or in lieu of ribbon awards for any or each place in each wine class and for either or both levels of competition. Finals judges, at their discretion, may designate one or more wines as "Best of Show", with the condition that a wine so nominated must score 17 or more points from the nominating judge. Awards for "Best of Show" will be determined at the discretion of the Winefest steward(s). Gold, silver, and bronze ribbon awards may also be given, without regard to total number, based solely on average score, and using the following score ranges:
  - a. Gold = 17 - 20 points
  - b. Silver = 15 - 16.99 points
  - c. Bronze = 12 - 14.99 points