



# *OC Fair*

## *2011 Homewine Competition*



Co-sponsored by the Orange County Wine Society  
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### **THE COMPETITION**

The annual OC Fair Homewine Competition was held June 11, 2011 and is celebrating its 35th year as one of the top amateur wine competitions in California. The competition is co-sponsored by the Orange County Wine Society in conjunction with the OC Fair and is open to all residents in California.

### **THE AWARDS**

There were 200 winemakers from all parts of California who entered a total of 679 wines. In all they garnished 591 awards, which consisted of 4 "Best of Show", 46 Double-Gold, 60 Gold, 226 Silver, 168 Bronze medals, and 87 Honorable Mention award ribbons. In addition, Award Certificates were given for the Wine Label Competition winners. The "Best of Show" wine winners receive a specially engraved plaque. All Double-Gold awards are judged for the Best of Show awards and will receive double-gold medals. The award winning wines will be on display at the Homewine Competition exhibit, in the Wine Courtyard, during the Fair, from July 15<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 14th.

A complete list of award winners and competition photos may be found on our website at [ocws.org](http://ocws.org), under 2011 Homewine Competition Results, or may be mailed to you upon request. Address your request to: Jim Graver at [winemaster72@earthlink.net](mailto:winemaster72@earthlink.net) or (949) 581-9599.

### ***"BEST OF SHOW WINE WINNERS"***

White Wine – David Scholl/D.J Normark – Walnut Creek – 2008 Gewürztraminer  
Red Wine – Dan McCarthy – Santa Clara – 2009 Merit age  
Fruit Wine – Rex Johnston/Barbara Bentley – Walnut Creek – 2008 Golden Raspberry  
Dessert Wine – Robin Lang – Santa Ana 2010 Chocolate-Raspberry Port

### ***"BEST OF SHOW" WINE LABEL WINNER***

Barry Reeves – Humorous – Twilight Zin

### **THE JUDGES & STEWARDS**

This year there were a total of 97 judges with several coming from Northern California. They served on 27 panels with 3-4 judges per panel and were selected by the Judging Chairman based upon prior experience and ability. More than 69% of the judges have served more than 5 years and 9% serving more than 30 years. Each year several new judges are invited and serve as the 4<sup>th</sup> member of the panel along with 3 experienced judges. There were 78 volunteer stewards and staff that assisted with the competition with many of them serving 10 years or more.

# THE JUDGING

The judging is performed “double-blind”; neither the stewards nor the judging panels have any knowledge of the identity of the individual wines being evaluated. Scoring is done using a modified 20-point rating system. Each wine is evaluated on such attributes as clarity, depth of color, viscosity, general appeal, aroma & bouquet, sweetness, tannin, acidity, body, balance and overall quality.

## WINE LABEL COMPETITION

There were 77 entries in this years wine label competition that were judged based upon creativity, design, originality and professionalism. The categories were Abstract, Classic, Figurative, Humorous, and Viticultural/Enocological. The Award Certificates were designed so that the label can be attached to the Certificate for mounting or framing. Based on the number of awards, most all wine labels were excellent. There were even more labels, that were on the competition bottles, that were not entered in the Label competition, that were also outstanding and made a colorful display at the Homewine Exhibit at this years Orange County Fair. It is a tribute to time and effort that the winemakers put into designing and producing these wine labels.

## “WINEMAKER’S BRUNCH”

The “Winemakers Brunch”, will be held July 30<sup>th</sup> during the Fair, to recognize the amateur winemakers of California. This was a time where many of the participants have a chance to meet the other winemakers, talk about their wines, how they were made and an opportunity to share their experiences and taste many of the award-winning wines. We had about 50 people that attended last year. This year it will be held during the Fair and one Fair pass will be provided for only one (1) person along with a parking pass. After the brunch, the winemakers may enjoy the rest of the fair and entertainment. **You may send your request to: Jim Graver at [winemaster72@earthlink.net](mailto:winemaster72@earthlink.net). A confirmation will be sent to you along with instructions.** All passes will be left at the “Will Call” booth located at the Main Entrance.

## “HOMEWINE/AWARD EXHIBIT”

A special display showcased the Homewine Competition Award Winners and a display of the winning wine labels. An exhibit on wine making was set up in the Wine Courtyard during the Fair.

On behalf of the Competition Committee we appreciate your participation as our goal is to make it a quality competition for winemakers in California. We ask for any comments or suggestions that would be helpful to you as a winemaker. Your opinion is greatly respected and appreciated.

## 2011 COMPETITION COMMITTEE

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Competition Chairman

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