# 2026 DENVER INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

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| **Online Entry Deadline** | September 15, 2026 |
| **Sample Delivery Deadline** | September 21, 2026 |
| **Entry Fee** | $120 per entry |
| **Bottles Required** | 4 × 750ml (or equivalent ounces) |
| **Enter Online** | enofileonline.com — Competition ID 3144 |
| **Ship Samples To** | Wine Country Network, Inc. (DIWC) — 390 Interlocken Crescent, Suite 350, Broomfield, CO 80021 |
| **Payment** | Net upon entry. Credit card preferred; checks payable to "Wine Country Network, Inc." Payment required before judging. |

## Price Categories

Entries are separated by suggested retail price into: A) Consumer ($15 max) B) Premium ($15.01–$24.99) C) Ultra-Premium ($25.00–$49.99) D) Luxury ($50+)

*Entries are also separated by sweetness & style. New categories will be created upon request. Please use category numbers on your entry form.*

## CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINES

**101** Champagne (must be AOC Champagne made)
**101A** Extra Brut
**101B** Brut
**101C** Extra Dry
**101D** Sec
**101E** Demi-Sec
**101F** Doux
**101R** Rosé Champagne
**102** Sparkling Wine (viniferous grapes only)
**105** Prosecco (made in Italy)
**110** Cava (made in Spain)

## SANGRIA

**120** Sangria — White
**125** Sangria — Red

## NON-ALCOHOLIC WINES — NEW!

**150** White Non-Alcoholic Wine
**151** White Sparkling Non-Alcoholic Wine
**155** Rosé Non-Alcoholic Wine
**156** Rosé Sparkling Non-Alcoholic Wine
**160** Red Non-Alcoholic Wine

## LOW ALCOHOL WINES — NEW!

**170** White Low Alcohol Wine
**175** Rosé Low Alcohol Wine
**180** Red Low Alcohol Wine

## WHITE VARIETAL TABLE WINES

**201** Off Dry White (1–3% sugar) *clonal sub-cats: A = Wente/California, B = Burgundy/Dijon*
**202** Late Harvest / Sweet White (4%+)
**204** Pinot Blanc
**205** Pinot Gris / Pinot Grigio
**206** Sauvignon Blanc
**207** Semillon
**208** Chardonnay
**209** Viognier
**210** Dry Riesling (Trocken or Dry German)
**212** Semi-Dry Riesling (Half Dry / Halbtrocken)
**213** Gewürztraminer
**214** Silvaner
**215** White Rhône Blends
**240** Other White Blends — New World
**216** Other Dry White Wine — European
**217** White Italian Blends
**218** White Italian Varietals *sub-cats: A) Vernaccia di San Gimignano, B) Pinot Bianco, C) Ribolla Gialla*
**219** Grüner Veltliner (Austrian Varietal)
**220** Albariño (Spain)
**221** Verdejo (Spain)
**222** Vinho Verde (Portugal)
**223** Chenin Blanc (France)
**224** Alsatian Varietals
**225** Marsanne
**226** Roussanne
**227** Grenache Gris
**230** Tokay (Hungary) — all styles/sweetness
**231** Furmint (Tokaj, Hungary)

## ROSÉ TABLE WINES

**250** Rosé — Dry Style — Vinifera
**255** Rosé — Blush Style — Vinifera
**260** Rosé — Dry Style — Hybrid
**265** Rosé — Blush Style — Hybrid
**270** Rosé — Dry Style — Indigenous
**275** Rosé — Blush Style — Indigenous

## RED VARIETAL TABLE WINES

**301** Gamay (all types)
**302** Grenache
**303** Tempranillo
**304** Barbera
**305** Nebbiolo
**306** Sangiovese
**307** Malbec
**308** Pinot Noir *clonal sub-cats: P = Pommard, D = Dijon, C = CA/Martini*
**309** Carménère
**310** Merlot
**311** Cabernet Franc (single varietal)

**312** Cabernet Sauvignon
**313** Zinfandel
**314** Petite Sirah
**315** Petit Verdot
**316** Shiraz / Syrah
**317** Garnacha
**319** Pinotage (South Africa & domestic)
**320** Other French Reds
**321** Other Italian Reds *Sangiovese from Tuscany: A) Chianti, B) Chianti Classico, C) Brunello di Montalcino, D) Rosso di Montalcino, E) Vino Nobile di Montepulciano DOCG, F) Rosso di Montepulciano*
**322** Other Spanish Reds
**323** Other Portuguese Reds
**324** Other Hungarian Reds
**325** Greek Reds
**326** European Reds
**327** Other Red Wines — Old World
**328** Other Red Wine — New World
**329** Late Harvest Reds
**335** Beaujolais Nouveau

## RED BLENDS

**350** Bordeaux Blends / Meritage
**352** GSM Blends (Grenache-Syrah-Mourvèdre)
**354** Red Rhône Blends
**355** Super Tuscan Blends

## ICE WINES

*Canadian, American, Austrian, or German style*

**400** White Ice Wine
**410** Red Ice Wine

## FORTIFIED WINES

**500** Port Wine (Portugal) *Ruby, Young Tawny, Aged Tawny & Vintage Port*
**510** Fortified Muscats
**520** Port Style (not from Portugal)
**550** White Madeira (Portugal)
**551** Red Madeira (Portugal)
**560** Sherry (Spain)
**570** Vin Santo (Italy) *fortified & non-fortified*

## SPIRITS MADE FROM GRAPES

**601** Cognac
**602** Armagnac
**603** Eaux-de-Vie
**610** Grappa

## ORGANIC WINE CATEGORIES

*Entries must be certified organic or biodynamic*

**700** Organic — White
**705** Organic — Rosé

**710** Organic — Red

## BOXED WINE CATEGORIES

**800** Boxed — White
**805** Boxed — Rosé
**810** Boxed — Red

*All entries require 4 × 750ml bottles or equivalent. Boxed wines: submit a minimum of 2 boxes of 3 liters. Separated by varietal and tasted together with bottled wines.*

## CANNED WINE CATEGORIES

**820** Canned — White
**821** Canned — White Sparkling
**825** Canned — Rosé
**826** Canned — Rosé Sparkling
**830** Canned — Red

*Requires 8 × 375ml cans or equivalent. Submit a minimum of 2 packs of 1.5 liters.*

## SAKE

**850** Junmai-shu
**851** Ginjo-shu
**852** Daiginjo-shu
**853** Honjozo-shu
**854** Namazake

*All Sake entries require a minimum of 1.5 liters per entry.*

## AMERICAN VARIETIES

***White American***

**900** Catawba
**901** Concord
**902** Diamond
**903** White Muscadine
**904** Niagara
**905** White American Varietal (Delaware)
**910** White American Blend
**915** American Late Harvest & Ice Wine

***Red American***

**920** Concord
**921** Red Muscadine
**922** Norton / Cynthiana
**923** Steuben
**925** Red American Varietal (Fredonia)
**930** Red American Blend
**935** American Blush / Rosé

## FRENCH AMERICAN

***White French American***

**940** Cayuga White
**941** Chardonel
**942** Seyval Blanc
**943** Traminette

**944** Vidal Blanc
**945** Vignoles / Ravat 51
**946** White French-American Varietal (Blanc du Bois, Edelweiss, LaCrescent)
**947** White French-American Blend
**948** French-American Late Harvest & Ice Wine

***Red French American***

**950** Baco Noir
**951** Chambourcin
**952** Chancellor
**953** Dechaunac
**954** Foch
**955** Frontenac
**957** Red French-American Varietal (Corot Noir, St. Croix)
**958** Red French-American Blend
**959** French-American Blush / Rosé

## HONEY WINES & MEAD

**960** Pure Honey Wines / Meads
**961** Honey & Fruit Blend
**962** Naturally Flavored Honey Wines
**963** Dry Style Honey Wines
**964** Sparkling Honey Wines

## FRUIT WINES

**970** Apple / Pear
**971** Stone Fruit (peach, cherry, blends)
**972** Berry (strawberry, raspberry, berry blends)
**973** Dry Style Fruit Wines (oak-aged blueberry)
**974** Tropical / Citrus
**975** Flower / Vegetable

## FRUIT BLENDS

**980** Grape & Fruit Blends
**981** Naturally Flavored
**982** Hard Cider (<7% ALC)

## TRENDY CONCOCTIONS

**990** Chocolate
**995** Cola

### Questions?

Email info@winecountrynetwork.com or call 303.665.0855.

*Ship samples early in the week so cartons arrive before weekends. All wines are stored in a temperature-controlled room prior to judging. There are no refunds for no-shows or damaged deliveries; management reserves the right not to taste/judge wines that arrive late.*