



National Women's Wine Competition 2010

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2010 NWWC JUDGES

NWWC is the first and only U.S. wine competition judged solely by distinguished women in the wine industry. The leading women's palates in America will judge the 2010 competition. Please visit www.nwwc.info for up to date list and biographies; this will be updated periodically as we add more judges.

2009 Judges Included

Phyllis Zouzounis, Winemaker, Raymond Burr

Daisy Damsky, Palmeri Vineyards & winner of 2007 Judge's Choice Award

Susan Doyle, Winemaker, MacMurray Ranch

Dr. Valery Uhl, Director, North of the Gate Wine Competition

Dr. Liz Thach Professor of Management, Wine Business Program, Sonoma State University

Julie Hagler

Cassandra Brown, Buyer, Left Bank Restaurant

Ann Nobel, Professor Emeritus, U.C. Davis: Inventor of Wine Aroma Wheel

Linda Trotter, Winemaker, Gundlach Bundschu

Dixie Gill

Jil Childs, Master of Wine Candidate, Founder of Wine Tours of the World

Evelyn White, Winemaker

Rebecca Chappa, Certified Wine Educator, Consultant, Writer

Donna Prescott, Founder, www.bevconnect.com

Traci Dutton, Culinary Institute of America

Diane Teitelbaum, Author, International Wine Judge

Sally Johnson, Winemaker, St. Francis Winery

Leslie Sbrocco. Author & TV Personality

Valery Uhl, Director, North of the Gate Wine Competition

HOW WE JUDGE

The National Women's Wine Competition is judged under the direction of Head Judge Rebecca Murphy, founder of the Dallas Morning News Wine

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Competition (www.dallaswinecomp.com).

Ms. Murphy is one of the most highly respected experts on wine competitions in the United States and is a sought-after judge for international competitions. We are honored to have her leadership. Under her direction:

- The judging will be conducted by all-women panels of qualified tasters.
- The judging will be held in Santa Rosa, California.
- When there are fewer than three entries per category, the wines may be judged in different categories. Any placement in, or removal from a category will be at the discretion of the head judge. Judging by vintage, price, region, etc. will be at the discretion of the head judge.
- If the judges are faced with an obviously flawed bottle of wine, no more than one additional bottle of the same entry will be opened and tasted.
- At the discretion of the white wine judging panels, the head judge may have the wines checked by a professional lab for residual sugar. White wines entered in “dry” categories must contain less than 0.3% residual sugar. Wines with more than 0.3% must have the percent listed on the entry form.
- Awards will be given on a merit basis. The judges are instructed to grant no awards when, in their opinion, the wines are unworthy, and they are empowered to grant duplicate awards if the quality of wines so merits.

WHO MAY ENTER

The National Women's Wine Competition provides commercial wineries and distributors with two opportunities in which to medal: The Open Competition and the Women Winemaker's Challenge™.

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The OPEN COMPETITION™

Any winery with commercially available wines may enter the NWWC Open Competition. All wines must meet federal guidelines within the United States.

Please consult the [Categories](#) page at www.nwwc.info to determine where your wine should be entered. (We reserve the right to recategorize any wine at the discretion of the Head Judge.)

To ensure quality judging the Open is limited to 2000 entries. Entries will be closed upon receipt of the 2000th entry.

The WOMEN WINEMAKER'S CHALLENGE™

The **Women Winemaker's Challenge** is a “competition within a competition” **reserved for wines made by women**. Production winemakers and assistant winemakers are encouraged to enter their wines. The winemaker must be responsible for the final taste of the wine submitted.

The same categories found in the Open Competition are available for the Women Winemaker's Challenge.

Please Note: The Women Winemaker's Challenge requires a separate entry form, a separate entry fee, and a separate submission of four bottles of wine (6 bottles if 375 ml). Women winemakers may enter either the Challenge or the Open or may enter both Competitions.

To ensure quality judging the Women Winemaker's Challenge 2010 is limited to 500 entries. Entries will be closed upon receipt of the 500th entry.

INTERNET AND PRINTED RESULTS

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Medal results for medal winners only will be posted at www.nwwc.info and released to the wine media and industry on or before April 15, 2010.

ENTRY RULES

U.S. and International Wines Accepted

Table, sparkling, fortified, fruit and specialty wines produced in any of the wine producing regions of the world that meet the applicable legal requirements for sale in the United States are eligible for entry.

All wines entered into this competition must be generally available for purchase either in restaurants, retail settings, or online.

Entries must be listed on the official entry form, either directly online or downloaded from this web site.

When using the paper form, please complete the entire form and sign at the bottom of the page to certify that the statements on the form are correct. Failure to complete the form properly may result in disqualification.

An official entry shall consist of four (4) bottles, each bottle no less than 750 ml. or more than 32 oz. in volume.

An official entry of wines, such as dessert wines, that are bottled only in 375 ml. bottles will consist of six (6) bottles, each no less than 375 ml.

Include a digital copy of the label for each entry in the online entry form, or one label or a copy of a label for each entry with the paper entry form.

Any wine that is delivered to the competition without a full and proper label will be disqualified from the judging. We will not accept wines with laboratory, temporary, photocopied or altered labels, and your entry fee will not be refunded.

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Please specify on the entry form how many gallons of a specific wine were produced. This information will be listed on the winners results that will be mailed to U.S. wine buyers.

KEY DATES

- **Judging will be held March 22-23 in Santa Rosa, CA**
- Paper Entry Forms Due: **March 8, 2010.**
- Online Entry Ends: **MARCH 12, 2010.**
- Wine Delivery: Now until **March 12, 2010.** (see address/instructions below)
- International Wines **MUST** arrive by **March 1, 2010.**
- Winners will be announced: **April 15, 2010.**
- Medals will be mailed to winners by: **July 15, 2009.**

An entry consists of your fee (\$55 to January 15th, \$65 January 16th until March 1st; Save \$5 per entry by entering online at www.nwwc.info), **four (4) 750 ml bottles of your wine or six [6] 375 ml bottles** delivered to Sonoma Storage Emporium, our temperature controlled facility, no later than March 12, 2009.

WINE SHIPMENT

Mark all Boxes "NWWC 2010"

Send 4 bottles (6 if 375 ml) to:

Sonoma Storage Emporium

4201 Santa Rosa Avenue

Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Phone: 707-206-9400

Toll-Free: 888-429-1776

Fax: 707-206-9200

[E-mail: sonomastorage@gmail.com](mailto:sonomastorage@gmail.com)

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ENTRY FEES

Online Fees:

\$55 Until January 15

\$65 January 16 - February 28th

Paper Entries (faxed or mailed in)

\$60 Until January 15

\$70 January 16 – February 28th

Late Entries – After March 1st

\$85 Online

\$95 Paper (faxed or mailed)

- Fees may be paid by check, money order, or online using Visa/MasterCard/American Express.
- International money orders are accepted. We DO NOT accept international bank transfers.
- You may mail your entry form and check or credit card information to:
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