



## 2018 FACT SHEET

- WHAT:** The 2018 Seattle Wine Awards is the largest, most prestigious and professional recognition program for Washington State wine, cider, and fruit wine. This year marks the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this lauded celebration of Northwest wine & ciders.
- WHEN:** **Entry Deadline: Monday, April 2, 2018.** (*Entries must be received by this date.*)  
**Results Released On-Line – June 1, 2018**  
**Award Certificates Mailed – June 10, 2018.**  
**2018 Gold Medal Wine Experience ~ June 14 – South Seattle College Campus**
- WHO:** Past Tasting Panel Participants:
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|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Darius Allyn         | Master Sommelier       | Joel Butler             | Master of Wine          |
| Jeff Cox             | PCC Markets            | Fred Dame               | Master Sommelier        |
| Doug Frost           | MS / MW                | Dr. Thomas Henick-Kling | WSU                     |
| Jeff Lindsey-Thorsen | RN 74                  | Dan McCarthy            | McCarthy & Schiering    |
| Chris Miller         | Master Sommelier       | Rebecca Murphy          | Dallas Int'l Wine Comp. |
| Barb Philip          | Master of Wine         | Thomas Price            | Master Sommelier        |
| Tim O'Brien          | Salty's Seafood Grills | Mark Takagi             | Metropolitan Markets    |
- HOW:** Wines from recognized Washington AVAs only – includes WA AVA's extending into Oregon. Evaluation is held single blind in variety and retail price tiers.  
Awards: Double Gold/Gold/Silver/Bronze ~ Grand Awards of Excellence.
- COST:** **ENTRY DEADLINE ~ Monday, April 2, 2018 ~ \$60.00 Entry Fee per Entry**  
Please submit (3 ea) 750 ml. bottles Dry Table Wine, Sparkling Wine or Cider  
(3 ea) 375 ml. or 500 ml. bottles of Dessert Style Wine per category entry.  
**Checks Payable to: CHANNEL ONE PRODUCTIONS**  
**Credit Card Payments on-line.**
- SHIP TO:** **Seattle Wine Awards**  
**c/o ESQUIN WINE STORAGE / 2700 Fourth Ave South, Seattle, WA 98134**
- CONTACT:** Christopher Chan ~ Executive Director, Seattle Wine Awards  
1733 45<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116  
206-853-4677 / [wine@seattlewineawards.com](mailto:wine@seattlewineawards.com)

Please notify us by e-mail when shipping entries and include Entry Forms & Fees by  
Check or include PayPal Receipts with all wine samples per shipment:  
[wine@seattlewineawards.com](mailto:wine@seattlewineawards.com)

# Entry Criteria & Category Guidelines

## \* Categories Separated by Suggested Retail Prices \*

\$20.00 & Under / \$20.01 – \$35.00    \$35.01 & Over per Bottle

**Diamond of The Decade:    Recognizing world-class wines from the 2008 Vintage.**

- 08BDX            2008 Bordeaux Style Blend
- 08CAB           2008 Cabernet Sauvignon
- 08MER           2008 Merlot
- 08PINO          2008 Pinot Noir
- 08RPROP        2008 Red Proprietary Blend
- 08RHONE       2008 Rhône Style Blend
- 08SYR           2008 Syrah

**Dessert Style Wines, Dessert Fruit Wines, Ciders & Perries**

- DCID            Dessert Style Cider
- DICE            Ice Wines – All Varieties (Vinifera & Non-Vinifera)
- DLATE          Late Harvest – All Varieties (Vinifera & Non-Vinifera)
- DFORT          Fortified Wines (Vinifera & Non-Vinifera)
- DFRUIT         Dessert Style Fruit Wines
- DPEAR          Dessert Style Perry
- MEAD           All Styles of Mead

**Rosé, Ciders & Dry Fruit Wines**

- SROSÉ          All styles of Single Variety Rosé wines
- BROSÉ          All styles of Blended Variety Rosé wines
- FROSÉ          All styles of Fruit Rosé or Blush.
- FRUIT          All styles of Dry Fruit Wines.
- SFRUIT         All styles of Fruit Wines with Residual Sugar.

**Sparkling Wines**

- SPARKD        Dry Sparkling Wines (Brut Zero, Brut)
- SPARKO        Off-Dry Sparkling Wine (Extra Brut, Demi-Sec)
- SPARKS        Sweet Sparkling Wines (Demi-Sec or Sweet)

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### Still White Wines

- WALBA Albariño
- WALIG Aligoté
- WBORD Bordeaux Style Blends of : Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon, Muscadelle
- WSAUV Sauvignon Blanc
- WCHAB Chablis Style Chardonnay – Stainless / Neutral Oak
- WCHAR Chardonnay – New or Seasoned Oak
- WGEWZ Gewürztraminer
- WMARS Marsanne
- WPINO Pinot Gris/Pinot Grigio
- WPROP Proprietary Blends
- WRIES Riesling: Dry or Residual Sugar (list RS per entry)
- WRHON S. Rhone Blends: Bourboulenc, Grenache Blanc, Marsanne, Picpoul, Roussanne, Viognier, etc...
- WROUS Roussanne
- WVARI All Other White Varietals
- WVIOG Viognier
- WILD Non-Vitis Vinifera Varieties

### Red Wines

- RBARB Barbera
- RBORD Bordeaux Blends: Cab Sauv., Cab Franc, Merlot, Petite Verdot, Malbec
- RCAB Cabernet Sauvignon
- RCINS Cinsault
- RFRANC Cabernet Franc
- RGAM Gamay Noir
- RGREN Grenache
- RMAL Malbec
- RMER Merlot
- RMOUR Mourvèdre
- RNEBB Nebbiolo
- RPINO Pinot Noir
- RPROP Proprietary Blends
- RHONE S. Rhone Blends: Grenache, Mourvèdre, Cinsault, Counoise, Syrah
- RSANG Sangiovese
- RSYRAH Syrah & Northern Rhone Style Syrah
- RTEMP Tempranillo
- RVARI All Other Red Varietals
- RWILD All Non-Vitis Vinifera Red Grape Wines.
- RZIN Zinfandel / Primitivo

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **Q: Why Should I Enter?**
- **A:** The TASTENW Wine & Cider Awards are celebrated by consumer and industry alike as the premier PNW wine and cider evaluation and awards program. This recognition offers talking points and accolades that represent the best in world-class Washington, Oregon and Idaho wine, and North American cider, perry, fruit agriculture.
  
- **Q: How are the Wine & Cider Awards Promoted?**
- **A:** Results are published on-line at [www.TASTENW.com](http://www.TASTENW.com). Results are sent to local, regional and national newspapers.
  
- **Q: How Many Wines/Ciders May I Enter?**
- **A:** There is no limit to the number of entries - you may submit wine/ciders from past vintages and past evaluations.
  
- **Q: May I Enter Multiple Wines/Ciders Brands on Same Form?**
- **A: NO.** Please include One Entry Form per Each Winery/Brand. With thousands of wines and hundreds of entries, this helps us ensure your samples are properly checked, processed and evaluated.
  
- **Q: What is a Tech Sheet?**
- **A:** Tech sheets provide us with pertinent information such as variety composition, vineyard sources, residual sugar, appellation information, fruits, blend percentages. Please include these with each entry.
  
- **Q: How Can I Pay Entry Fees?**
- **A:** Pay by check included with shipment (Payable to: CHANNEL ONE PRODUCTIONS) or by Credit Card with On-line Entry at: [www.SeattleWineAwards.com](http://www.SeattleWineAwards.com) / [www.OregonWineAwards.com](http://www.OregonWineAwards.com) / [www.IdahoWineAwards.com](http://www.IdahoWineAwards.com)
  
- **\*\* If Needed Mail Checks Payable To:**
- **Channel One Productions 1733 45<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116-1910 \*\***
  
- **Q: What is the 2018 Diamond of the Decade Wine?**
- **A:** This year we will evaluate **2008 Vintage** Bordeaux, Red Rhone, and Proprietary Style Blends, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir and Syrah to recognize and celebrate quality, class and longevity.
  
- **Q: May I Hand-Deliver my Entries?**
- **A:** YES. UPS, Fed-Ex or Hand delivery is welcome to Esquin Wine & Spirits. Please ensure your boxes are well marked / labeled / identified and secure with tape and include a copy of your Entry Form, Tech Sheets and Check or Payment Receipt by April 2, 2018.

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- **Q: Award Certificates & Corrections?**
- **A:** Please ensure handwriting is clear, legible and correct. Results are posted June 1. Unfortunately, 'to err is human'...and mistakes happen. We make every effort to be concise and request your corrections to us by June 10. Medals are not available at this time.
  
- **Q: How do I Register for the 2018 Gold Medal Wine Experience?**
- **A:** Registration opens May 1 on-line. Space is limited. First Paid / First Reserved.

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