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Orange County Wine Society (OCWS) announces its event calendar for the 2022 OC Fair Wine Courtyard.

OCWS has been hosting wine tasting and education at the OC Fair for over four decades in conjunction with the OC Fair & Event Center and the OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition, the largest competition of California only wines in the world. OCWS volunteers will serve the traditional award-winning wines for tasting and varietal wines by the glass during the run of the OC Fair, from 11 AM to 10 PM, Wednesday and Thursday, and 11 AM – 11 PM Friday through Sunday. Wines range from a refreshing Chardonnay, Sparkling, or Rose to a heavy Cabernet Sauvignon or Zinfandel. In addition, the Express Wine Bar in the Courtyard will be open each evening from 5 – 9 PM for concert goers.

Besides just serving wine, OCWS serves up wine education in the form of Wine Seminars and the Featured Winery Program.

Wine Seminars are held every Saturday and Sunday of the OC Fair at 1 and 3 PM. The cost is only \$25 and includes helpful wine information from OCWS experts, tastings of award and non-award-winning wines, and snacks to complement the wines being served.

2022 Wine Seminar Schedule:

Sat, Jul 23	1 PM - Wine Regions of CA	3 PM - What is the Best Wine?
Sun, Jul 24	1 PM - Temecula Wines	3 PM - Unique Varietals
Sat, Jul 30	1 PM - OC Fair Wine Competition Gold Medal Winners	3 PM - Fair Food & Wine Pairing
Sun, Jul 31	1 PM - Syrah vs. Petite Sirah	3 PM - Cheese & Wine Pairing
Sat, Aug 6	1 PM - OC Fair Wine Competition Gold Medal Winners	3 PM – CA Grown Italian Varietals
Sun, Aug 7	1 PM – TBA	3 PM - Sparkling Wines & Sweets
Sat, Aug 14	1 PM - Sparkling Wines & Sweets	3 PM - Fair Food & Wine Pairing
Sun, Aug 15		

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1 PM - Instant Party Wine Pairings

3 PM - Cheese & Wine Pairing

The Featured Winery Program showcases award-winning wineries from the OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition. Winery owners or winemakers join us from 1 – 7 PM every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during the fair to speak to the public and serve their award-winning wines.

2022 Featured Winery Program Schedule

Fri, Jul 15 - Fallbrook Winery
Sat, Jul 16 - Seven Angels Cellars
Sun, Jul 17 - Double Bond Wine
Fri, Jul 22 - Dubost Winery
Sat, Jul 23 - Big Nose Winery
Sun, Jul 24 - Cypher Winery
Fri, Jul 29 – San Simeon Wines / Riboli Family Wines
Sat, Jul 30 - Ammons Horn Wines
Sun, Jul 31 - Dark Star Cellars
Fri, Aug 5 – Gelson’s Private Label Wines
Sat, Aug 6 – Orange Coast Winery
Sun, Aug 7 - TBA
Fri, Aug 12 - Vinos Unidos
Sat, Aug 13 - Shale Oak Winery
Sun, Aug 14 - Bushong Vintage Company

Regardless of your wine knowledge level and preferred wine style, the Wine Courtyard at the OC Fair has something for every wine lover! Come join us at this year’s [OC Fair](#) “**Feel the Sunshine**” which runs from July 15th through August 14th, Wednesday through Sunday.

OCWS is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that boasts nearly 1,000 wine enthusiast members who volunteer their time to host the OC Fair Commercial and Home Wine Competitions and the Wine Courtyard at the OC Fair. The organization also runs [WineCompetition.com](#), a list of the competition’s award winners and direct links to the wineries. As part of its mission, OCWS also raises funds for college scholarships at eight California institutions with wine-related educational programs and has donated over \$740,000 to date.

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