



OC FAIR
COMMERCIAL
WINE COMPETITION



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Orange County Wine Society (OCWS), in partnership with the OC Fair, is pleased to announce the winners of the 2024 OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition. The 48th annual competition received 2,518 entries from hundreds of wineries this year. Wines were divided into 113 varietal categories and then judged by price range and sugar level. In addition to the 19 Best of Class medals (listed below), the competition also awarded 147 Double Gold medals and 439 Gold medals in addition to Silver and Bronze medals. This year included some unique varietals such as Pedro Ximenez and Dobricic. Of note this year are also White Malbec, White Pinot Noir, and Orange Wine (grape wine with extensive skin contact), and a comeback of an old classic, Cream Sherry!

BEST OF CLASS WINNERS

Best of Class – Red Varietals

Premium Price Level

Brecon Estate, 2022 Grenache (Paso Robles AVA) (\$70) 96 Points

High Price Level

Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery, 2022 GSM (Central Coast AVA) (\$45) 96 Points

Medium Price Level

Jeff Runquist “R”, 2022 Sangiovese (Amador County) (\$30) 95 Points

Low Price Level

Castle Rock Winery, 2022 Pinot Noir Reserve (Russian River Valley AVA) (\$17.99) 95 Points

Best of Class – White Varietals

Premium Price Level

Bishop Forbes Wines, 2022 Chardonnay (Russian River Valley AVA) (\$45) 95 Points

High Price Level

La Mesa Vineyards, 2023 Chardonnay (El Dorado County) (\$29) 96 Points

Medium Price Level

Husch Vineyards, 2023 Sauvignon Blanc (Mendocino AVA) (\$18) 95 Points

Low Price Level

E&J Gallo Winery – Barefoot Cellars, NV Chardonnay - “Buttery Chardonnay” (California) (\$6.99) 94 Points

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Best of Class – Rosé Wines

Premium Price Level

San Pasqual Winery, 2023 Rosé of Cabernet Franc (Rosé Other Varietals) (San Diego County)
(\$35) 95 Points

High Price Level

Notre Vue Estate Wine Group – Balverne, 2023 Rosé of Pinot Noir (Rosé Other Varietals)
(Russian River Valley AVA) (\$24) 91 Points

Medium Price Level

Chateau Lean-to, 2023 Rosé (Rosé Rhône Varietals) – “Mi Amore Rosé” (Dry Creek Valley
AVA) (\$15) 91 Points

Low Price Level

Allan Hancock College Winery, 2022 Rosé of Pinot Noir (Santa Barbara County) (\$15) 90 Points

Best of Class – Dessert Wines

Premium Price Level

Prager Winery and Port Works, 2020 Vintage Port – “Royal Escort” (Napa Valley AVA) (\$95) 94
Points

High Price Level

Heringer Estates, NV Ruby Port – “Embrace Red Dessert Wine” (Clarksburg AVA) (\$28) 96
Points

Medium Price Level

Bogle Family Wine Collection, 2018 Vintage Port – “Petite Sirah Port” (Clarksburg AVA)
(\$18.99) 94 Points

Best of Class – Sparkling Wines

Premium Price Level

Steinbeck Vineyards and Winery, 2021 Sparkling Blanc de Blancs – Extra Brut, Chardonnay
(Paso Robles Estrella District AVA) (\$60) 94 Points

High Price Level

Rescue Dog Wines, 2019 Sparkling Blanc de Blanc – 100% Chardonnay (Lodi AVA) (\$37.99) 92
Points

Medium Price Level

Korbel Champagne Cellars, NV Sparkling Rosé – Brut Rosé (California) (\$14) 91 Points

Low Price Level

E&J Gallo Winery – Barefoot Bubbly, NV Sparkling Rosé – Brut Rosé (California) (\$9.99) 94
Points

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OCWS (a 501(c)3 corporation) has been hosting the OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition for over four decades. OCWS boasts over 1,000 wine enthusiast members who volunteer their time to present the largest competition of California only wines in the world. In addition to running the OC Fair Commercial and Home Wine Competitions, the OCWS has donated over \$838,000 in scholarships to eight California institutions with wine-related educational programs. This wine competition is unique because of its double-blind judging by commercial winery owners and winemakers. The competition also has no entry fee, making it accessible to all California wineries, large and small.

Wine entries from the OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition can be enjoyed during the OC Fair at the Wine Courtyard, which is also hosted by the OCWS. This year's [OC Fair](#) "Always A Good Time" runs from July 19th through August 18th, Wednesday through Sunday.

Go to WineCompetition.com to view all the medal winners from the 2024 OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition (and previous years). This results website allows consumers to search for award-winning wines based on several search categories including varietals, award, price level, winery name, and more.

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