

# AMATEUR WINEMAKERS OF NOVA SCOTIA

## COMPETITION ENTRY REGULATIONS (2024)

1. Classes shall be according to Amateur Winemakers of Canada (AWC) classes and class descriptions. See the Amateur Winemakers of Canada website. <http://www.amateurwine.ca/index.php?page=entry-classes>, [if necessary copy and paste the URL into your web browser, or go to the “Links” page and click on the Amateur Winemakers of Canada link]. There are three additional classes available only for this Provincial competition. They are as follows:-

- C3A White Non Vinifera – Similar to National class C3 except that the ingredients must be 100% non vinifera [Interspecific Hybrids]
- E3A Red Non Vinifera – Similar to National class E3 except that the ingredients must be 100% non vinifera [Interspecific Hybrids]
- C3B Tidal Bay Style – See the separate rules on the “Competitions” page on the Annapolis Valley Vintners website.

Wines entered in these three classes will be eligible for entry into the National Competition but will be re-classified to C3, C4 or E3 as appropriate.

2. All wine bottles must be of a minimum size of 375 ml. Sparkling wines and cider must be in heavy wall “Champagne” bottles with an appropriate closure. All bottles should be devoid of labels, cap shrinks or other identifiable marks except as specified in Item 4 below.
3. As last year entry forms must be completed “on line”. A fully completed entry form must be submitted for each entry. Entry Forms are available on the “Competitions” page on the Annapolis Valley Vintners website. In the absence of full information, entries may be disqualified.
4. Once the entry form has been submitted, the entrant will receive an E-mail with an attached copy of the submitted entry form, which should be kept for future reference. The email message itself will contain your **AWNS 2024 WINE COMPETITION BOTTLE TAG**, which you should print and cut out. This tag shows the wine class, entrants name, club affiliation and most importantly the **registration number** for that particular entry. Remove all existing labels from your bottle, and attach this tag to the bottle **using masking tape only**.
5. Entry fees for 2023 are \$7.50 per entry for members of Annapolis Valley Vintners and Halifax Dartmouth Wine Circle, and \$10.00 per entry for non-members.
6. The Competition will be hosted by Annapolis Valley Vintners and will be held on Saturday June 08, 2024. **The opening date for registering your wines is May 11, 2024 and the deadline for receipt of entries will be Monday, May 31, 2024.** It is the responsibility of the entrant to deliver entries to the designated drop off locations. These locations will be advised by email and will be posted on the Annapolis Valley Vintners web site.
7. If two or more persons have collaborated in making a particular wine it is not permissible for the identical wine to be entered by each collaborator, but it may be entered under the names of

all collaborators, however it will be considered to be one entry and if it qualifies it will receive a single award. The accompanying certificate may be duplicated for each collaborator. This rule does not preclude the entry of similar wines that have been made in collaboration provided that the entrant has modified the wine [for example by blending] so that it is no longer identical to the collaborated wine.

8. It is the responsibility of the entrant to select the appropriate class. Entries found “out of class” may be reclassified, or disqualified. Please note that “mist” style wines and coolers are eligible for the Provincial competition but are not eligible for the National competition.

9. Recognition will be awarded on the following basis:

Gold	90 +
Silver	80 – 89
Bronze	70 – 79

A Merit Award will be awarded for scores of 65 – 69.

Appropriate certificates will be awarded to all such qualifiers.

10. The Champion Winemaker Award, based on one entry per person per class, will be declared on the basis of the 58% Rule:

Gold	100	Points
Silver	58	Points
Bronze	33.64	Points

The entrant with the highest point total will be declared Champion. In the event of a tie the entrant with the highest total raw score will be the winner. The winner will be awarded the Winery Association of Nova Scotia Trophy.

A second trophy, presented by the Grape Growers Association of Nova Scotia will be awarded to the entrant with the highest score attained by a wine made from 100% Nova Scotia grown grapes.

A third trophy presented by the Amateur Winemakers Of Nova Scotia will be awarded to the entrant with the highest scoring wine, cider or mead made with at least 95% non-grape ingredients.