2024

GEORGIA TRUSTEES
WINE & SPIRITS
COMPETITION

A COMPETITION EXCLUSIVELY FOR WINES, MEADS, CIDERS & SPIRITS PRODUCED IN GEORGIA

The 2024 competition is the Tenth annual Georgia Trustees Wine & Spirits Competition. The Competition Judging dates occur September 5-7, 2024, at Atlanta Boone's Restaurant at the Bobby Jones Golf Facility. The Trustee Board is honored to have Boone's loyalty and exceptional support for hosting our competition over the past five years. We are projecting our Awards Presentation In Alpharetta, Georgia, on Monday, November 11, 2024; please save the date.

Welcome to our updated Georgia Trustees Wine & Spirits Competition Website for 2024. We have added a direct link entitled Competition 2024 Entry to our website for participants. Our new link provides all the entry guidelines in one location. It facilitates making all entries for Wine, Mead, Cider, and Distilled Spirits online on collective forms you can print out, including labels for all your entry submissions. Notably, the submission dates for all entries run from 19-30 August 2024. Our last day to receive submissions is August 30, 2024.

Background

Our improved competition submission program provides registration forms for all wines, meads, ciders, and distilled spirits in one package for each producer. Importantly, all entries allow you to reference our break-out forty-six-item list to select the proper entry category. We can add more as needed - from wines to spirits. Once you enter the link with validated eligibility, you can make all your entries online. The system allows you to enter bottle labels for three wines, meads, ciders, or two spirits as you enter your competition entries. You can complete your entry data and capture all your entry information with entry forms and labels to cut out and tape to each bottle you submit for judging.

We suggest you log into our new site and review the entry screens to enhance your knowledge as a first step at gtwsc.com

Requirements for Participating

1) Wineries, cideries, meaderies, and distilleries must be bonded and licensed in Georgia and must be commercially viable. Home winemaking operations or products are not eligible. Distilled products should be made in Georgia. Bottled or canned cocktails are not submissible. Ciders or meads may be made with out-of-state raw materials but produced in Georgia.

2) Participants must enter at least two products unless you only produce one item. Send three 750 ml. or six 6 375 ml. bottles per entry (for wines, meads, and ciders) and two bottles of 750 ml. spirits for judging.

Entry forms and payment deadline and all entries must reach us by Friday, August 30, 2024. Include paperwork with labels on all your bottle entries, as mentioned above, and your entry form with payment.

Fees & Forms

Our new online form does not allow direct payment using a credit card. Currently, the costs for maintaining such access are prohibitive when we only have one competition per year. Our entry fees cover the cost of correspondence, medals, certificates, judging materials, judge travel mileage, housing, and our awards banquet and photography. All members of the board are volunteers and receive no compensation.

2024 KEY POINTs

$75.00 per entry with a two-entry minimum. Early entries up to August 22, 2024, receive a $5 discount, which greatly assists our team in preparing for the competition. Please include a completed registration form for all your entries, which you can print from the new online site, and remit payment by Check, Money Order, VENMO, and Zelle payable to the Georgia Trustees Wine & Spirits Competition. Submission instructions are on our new website.

Your completed online form must accompany each entry. If you plan to include payment along with your entry products, ensure your labels are on all bottles and that one entry form is in one product container to validate that we have all your entry items.

Please ship or deliver entries to Board Member Michelle Schreck at her home address:

3405 Friendship Farm Dr.

Buford, GA 30519

(770) 315-8158

Larry Lykins, owner of Cartecay Vineyards, has kindly offered his tasting rooms for pick-up locations, but it's essential to call and let us and the tasting room manager know when you plan to do that. The addresses and phone numbers are as follows:

19 S. Main St.	598 E. Main St.
Ellijay, GA 30540	Blue Ridge, GA 30513
(706) 697-9463	(706) 946-3050

From there, we will relocate all shipments to her bonded climate-controlled warehouse, where Michelle is the Vice President. The senior judge and Michelle Schreck, our flight prep leader, will flight all entries before relocating all competition submissions to the judging location the night before the competition begins.

Thank you in advance for participating. See you at the banquet. Watch the website and emails for time and place announcements. We may add additional drop-off locations. We continue to seek volunteers, particularly in South Georiga, who could accept drop-off deliveries and store them properly until we pick them up and deliver entries to the bonded warehouse in Atlanta.

To all our Wine, Mead, Cider, and Spirits owners, Georgia Wine Producers, and Georgia Grown, with your increased help, we have reached our tenth competition year. Without question, our previous nine years have challenged our volunteer board members to remain flexible and adjust to COVID-19 challenges while growing older; adding forty additional wineries and bringing on meads, ciders, and distilled spirits producers were unique challenges.

I view our tenth year as our most exceptional opportunity to mature into a leading competition venue in Atlanta. I realize you can individually gain success and personal awards by competing in competitions outside of Georgia – I commend your success. Yet, we are approaching an important milestone for Georgia, where we can become a decidedly valued and recognized competitor in national wine and spirits competitions. We need more state or corporate funding support and all of you to enter our annual competitions.

Atlanta is a great draw for our judges; many judges are dual-certified across multiple wines and spirits, holding our competition dates on their calendars. Growth leads to success and draws more best-in-class judges and support. We continue to seek food and beverage education opportunities, which we had earlier with Kennesaw State University. University academic colleges can use our program as a fantastic training ground to learn about Georgia-grown wine and spirit production in Georgia. We also seek experienced wine and spirits educators, writers and retailers, and judges willing to volunteer to serve on our director board and ever-expanding judging team.

Wayne Crawford Senior Judge, Board of Directors

Georgia Trustees Wine & Spirits Competition

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Wine Categories

01. Vinifera — White, Dry, Single Varietal (0.0% RS)

02. Vinifera — White Blends (0.0% RS)

03. Vinifera – White Blends Majority Vinifera + Fruit or Other Vitis (0.0% – 4.99% RS)

04. Vinifera — Rosé Single Varietal (0.0% – 4.99% RS)

05. Vinifera — Rosé Blends (0.0% – 4.99% RS)

06. Vinifera — Dry, Red, Single Varietal (0.0% RS)

07. Vinifera – Dry, Red, Blends,Vinifera (0.0% RS)

08. Vinifera — Red Blends Majority Vinifera + Fruit or Other Vitis (0.0% – 4.99%) RS)0.

09. Sparkling — ALL (Except Rotundifolia—see 25.)

10. Non-Vinifera — White, Single Varietal (0.0% RS)

11. Non-Vinifera — White Blends (0.0% RS)

12. Non-Vinifera — White Blend Majority + Fruit/Other Vitis

13. Non-Vinifera — Rosé Single Varietal (0.0% RS)

14. Non-Vinifera — Rosé Blends (0.0% – 4.99% RS)

15. Non-Vinifera — Red, Single Varietal (0.0% RS)

16. Non-Vinifera — Red Blends (0.0% RS)

17. Non-Vinifera – Red Blends, Majority + Fruit/Other Vitis (0.0% – 4.99% RS)

18. Non-Vinifera — Dessert (5%+ RS)

19. Rotundifolia (Muscadine/Scuppernong) – White Single Varietal (0.0% – 4.99% RS)

20. Rotundifolia (Muscadine/Scuppernong) – Rosé Single Varietal (0.0% – 4.99% RS)

21. Rotundifolia (Muscadine/Scuppernong) – Red Single Varietal (0.0% – 4.99% RS

22. Rotundifolia (Muscadine/Scuppernong) – Blends (Two Muscadine/Scuppernong Grapes or More) (0.0% – 4.99% RS)

23. Rotundifolia (Muscadine/Scuppernong) – Blends, majority + Fruit/Other Vitis (0.0% – 4.99% RS)

24. Rotundifolia (Muscadine/Scuppernong) – Dessert (5%+ RS)

25. Rotundifolia (Muscadine/Scuppernong) – Sparkling

26. Fruit Wines — (Stated) Single Fruit

27. Fruit Wines — Blends (with other fruits) (Generic/Proprietary)

28. Fruit Wines — Blends, majority + Vitis (including Rotundifolia)

29. Fortified Wines (ALL types)

Mead Categories

30. Show Mead (Plain meads)

31 Mead (Honey blends, to include pyments, metheglins, melomels, cysers)

Cider Categories

32. Ciders (Still & Sparkling, all fruits including Perry)

Spirits Categories

33. Bourbon

34. Flavored Bourbon

35. Brandy from Grapes

35A Brandy From Other Fruits

36. Gin

37. Flavored Gin

38 Vodka

39. Flavored Vodka

40. Moonshine

41. Flavored Moonshine

42. Rye

43. Rum

44. Flavored Rum

45. Whiskey

46. Specialty Spirits–spirits entries that don't fit anywhere else

Registration

Type or print in Black Ink

Registration Deadline is September 30, 2024, with all entries in our consolidated Facility.

Return this page with your entry fee payment. Include a copy of all entries and your winery, meadery, cidery, and contact information.

Winery/Meadery/Cidery/Distillery_____

I certify entries were located and fermented/distilled in Georgia _____

Entry Fee: $75.00 per entry with a two-entry minimum. Early entries up to August 22, 2024, receive a $5 discount, which greatly assists our team in preparing for the competition. Please include a completed registration form for all your entries.

Number of Wine_____ Cider_____Mead_____ Spirts_____Entries

Total Entry Fees U.S.$_____

Method of Payment Check, Money Order, VENMO, and Zelle

Make Check and Money Orders payable to Georgia Trustees Wine & Spirits Challenge

Mail to Jane F. Garvey, 64 Sycamore Sta., Decatur, GA 30030-2760

Zelle: janewine43@gmail.com • Venmo: @Georgia_Trustees

Contact Name_____

Address_____

City/Town_____ Zip_____

Best Contact Phone (   )_____Fax #_____

Email_____

Wine labels - Fill out all fields. Submit 3 bottles per entry.

ENTRY # 1 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Wine Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Main Varietal & %_____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

ENTRY # 2 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Wine Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Main Varietal & %_____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

ENTRY # 3 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Wine Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Main Varietal & %_____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

ENTRY # 4 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Wine Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Main Varietal & %_____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Print 3 copies, cut out the labels and tape them to each bottle.

Additional Wine labels - Fill out all fields, including Entry

ENTRY #__ Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Wine Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar % _____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Main Varietal & %_____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

ENTRY #__ Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Wine Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar % _____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Main Varietal & %_____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

ENTRY #__ Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Wine Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Main Varietal & %_____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

ENTRY #__ Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Wine Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Main Varietal & %_____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Other Varietal & % _____

Print 3 copies, cut out the labels and tape them to each bottle.

Mead labels - Fill out all fields. Submit 3 bottles per entry.

ENTRY # 1 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Mead Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Honey Type_____

Indicate any blends (Fruits, Spice, etc.) _____
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Did you produce your honey? _____

ENTRY # 2 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Mead Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Honey Type_____

Indicate any blends (Fruits, Spice, etc.) _____
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_____

Did you produce your honey? _____

ENTRY # 3 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Mead Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Honey Type_____

Indicate any blends (Fruits, Spice, etc.) _____
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_____

Did you produce your honey? _____

ENTRY # 4 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Mead Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Honey Type_____

Indicate any blends (Fruits, Spice, etc.) _____
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Did you produce your honey? _____

Print 3 copies, cut out the labels and tape them to each bottle.

Additional Mead labels - Fill out all fields, including Entry #

ENTRY #__Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Mead Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Honey Type_____

Indicate any blends (Fruits, Spice, etc.) _____
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_____

Did you produce your honey? _____

ENTRY #__Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Mead Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Honey Type_____

Indicate any blends (Fruits, Spice, etc.) _____
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_____

Did you produce your honey? _____

ENTRY #__Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Mead Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Honey Type_____

Indicate any blends (Fruits, Spice, etc.) _____
_____
_____

Did you produce your honey? _____

ENTRY #__Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Mead Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Honey Type_____

Indicate any blends (Fruits, Spice, etc.) _____
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_____

Did you produce your honey? _____

Print 3 copies, cut out the labels and tape them to each bottle.

Cider labels - Fill out all fields. Submit 3 bottles per entry.

ENTRY # 1 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Cider Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Types of fruits _____

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Source of fruits _____

_____

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ENTRY # 2 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Cider Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Types of fruits _____

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_____

Source of fruits _____

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ENTRY # 3 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Cider Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Types of fruits _____

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_____

Source of fruits _____

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ENTRY # 4 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Cider Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Types of fruits _____

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Source of fruits _____

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Print 3 copies, cut out the labels and tape them to each bottle.

Additional Cider labels - Fill out all fields, including Entry

ENTRY #__Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Cider Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Types of fruits _____

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Source of fruits _____

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ENTRY #__Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Cider Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Types of fruits _____

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Source of fruits _____

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ENTRY #__Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Cider Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Types of fruits _____

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Source of fruits _____

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ENTRY #__Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Cider Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Types of fruits _____

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Source of fruits _____

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Print 3 copies, cut out the labels and tape them to each bottle.

Distilled Spirits labels - Fill out all fields. Submit 2 bottles per entry.

ENTRY # 1 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Spirit Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Is the Product made entirely in Georgia? _____

Or made elsewhere and finished in Georgia?_____

ENTRY # 2 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Spirit Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Is the Product made entirely in Georgia? _____

Or made elsewhere and finished in Georgia?_____

ENTRY # 3 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Spirit Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Is the Product made entirely in Georgia? _____

Or made elsewhere and finished in Georgia?_____

ENTRY # 4 Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Spirit Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Is the Product made entirely in Georgia? _____

Or made elsewhere and finished in Georgia?_____

Print 2 copies, cut out the labels and tape them to each bottle.

Additional Spirits labels - Fill out all fields, including Entry

ENTRY #__ Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Spirit Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Is the Product made entirely in Georgia? _____

Or made elsewhere and finished in Georgia?_____

ENTRY #__ Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Spirit Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Is the Product made entirely in Georgia? _____

Or made elsewhere and finished in Georgia?_____

ENTRY #__ Category #_____(refer to Category list)

Spirit Name_____

Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

Residual Sugar %_____ Estimated Retail Price $_____

Is the Product made entirely in Georgia? _____

Or made elsewhere and finished in Georgia?_____

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Vintage Year _____ Non-Vintage__ Alcohol % _____

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