

CUBA GARLIC FESTIVAL CARLOS WOOD AMATEUR WINE COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

1.) Wines are to be delivered to :

Cuba Chamber Office
5 West Main St.
Cuba, NY 14727

THE FIRST "60" BOTTLES (ENTRIES) WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE COMPETITION!

Send one bottle per entry and each entry must be submitted in standard 750 ml wine bottle. All bottles must be free of wax, decorative labels and capsules. However, an identification label will be required on the bottle as detailed in Rule #3. Entry fee is \$5.00 (US) for each wine entered. Each individual is allowed up to 3 entries. You may enter as many categories that you wish. Make checks payable to: Cuba Chamber of Commerce and put "Amateur Wine Competition" on check as well. Only US funds will be accepted. **ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

2.) All shipments should be packed to withstand considerable handling and must be shipped freight pre-paid. Line the inside of the box with a plastic trash bag and use plenty of packaging material, such as bubble wrap, around the bottles. Bottles shipped in preformed Styrofoam Cartons have proven reliable in the past. Every reasonable effort will be made to contact entrants whose bottles have broken to make arrangements for sending replacement bottles. Please note it is illegal to ship alcoholic beverages via U.S. Postal Service. Private shipping companies such as UPS and FedEx with company policies against shipping alcohol may refuse your shipment if they are informed your package contains alcoholic beverages. It is the entrant's responsibility to follow all applicable laws and regulations. Packages with postage due or C.O. D. charges will be rejected.

3.) Each bottle must be labeled with the following information: Category number, category name, wine name and vintage. Example: Baco Noir, Foch, 1999. If you are using a wine kit for ingredients – please list the brand and product name as the wine ingredients and check the box for "Kit".

Example: 22 Winexpert Selection International French Cabernet Sauvignon. 2003. The entry form listing each of your wines entered must accompany the bottle and payment for that entry. Bottle labels are included for your and our convenience!

4.) It is entirely up to you to decide which of the 8 categories you should enter. You should enter wine in the category which you feel it will perform best. Wines must contain a minimum of 75% of designated type if entered as a varietal. Varietals of less than 75% must be entered as blends. Judges will not classify or re-classify your entry.

5.) There will be two parts to the competition beginning this year: Wines from kits and wines from juice(scratch). Therefore, there will be two Winemakers of the Year and two Grand Champ wines. Each category will also have Best of Shows if there are at least 3 entries in a particular category. Scoring of medals will remain the same.

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6.) Contest is open to any amateur wine-maker. Your wine must not have been made by a professional commercial winemaker or at any commercial winery or any wine supply business that helps professionally make and bottle your wine.

7.) All wines will be judged according to their relative merits within the category. Gold, silver and Bronze medals will be awarded on point totals as outlined below. The “Grand Champion” awards are given to the top overall wines in the entire competition.

8. The “Wine-Maker of the Year” awards will be given to the individuals whose top scoring wine entries accumulate the greatest number of points during the current year’s competition based on the following scale:

**Clarity – 5 pts. Color – 5 pts. Aroma - 10 pts. Flavor, Balance, & Quality – 30 pts.
(For a total of 50 points)**

9.) All entrants will receive a copy of the judging notes for their wines along with a copy of the results.

10.) All wine becomes the property of the Cuba Garlic Fest and will be offered to the public for tasting after the awards are given out.

11.) All decisions by competition organizers and judges are final.

12.) If the drop-off date doesn’t work for you, please give us a call at 716.397.0204 or email at coolbet@aol.com and we will make arrangements to get your wine! We want your wine and will do everything possible to get it!

Medal scoring will be as follows:

Gold = Scores 185 through 200

Silver = Scores 170 through 184

Bronze = Scores 155 through 169