



CASA PACIFICA

Best in Fest

COMPETITION

"BEST IN FEST" WINERY COMPETITION

of the Casa Pacifica Angels Wine, Food & Brew Festival

Sunday, May 17th, 2026

WINE COMPETITION RULES

Competition spaces are limited. Applicants must complete online registration and agree to the rules below. The Competition judging will take place on Sunday, May 17th, 2026 in order to give the winning winery appropriate special recognition at the Festival.

1. All applicants must be registered as a 2026 Festival Exhibitor. [CLICK HERE](#) to register online by May 11th, 2026.
Registration for the Best in Fest Competition IS NOT COMPLETE until this Rules Form has been signed and returned by email to Events@CasaPacific.org. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
2. The same wine (although marketed under different labels) may not be entered more than once. Wineries must indicate year, varietal type or any special ingredients used. Wineries are encouraged to include their own pairing suggestions.
3. An official entry consists of (4) 375 ml bottles or the equivalent in volume. Competition reserves the right to request additional bottle(s) of award-winning wines for display purposes.
4. This competition is judged blind. The score sheets will include Festival-specific fields including but not limited to food pairing suggestions. Judges will be notified of the number of wines and specific styles that have been entered into the competition. The judges will be emailed the judging guidelines and score sheets before the competition. All judges will be certified sommeliers. Festival management reserves all rights to make final decisions regarding any rules or proceedings throughout the course of the wine competition.
5. Competition judges will select a "Best in Fest" wine in the following manner:

First Round

- a) Wines will be judged against their base style.
- b) The scores will be recorded on judging score sheets.
- c) Judges will also include food-pairing suggestions.
- d) Competition coordinator will collect the score sheets and tabulate the score for each wine.

Second Round

- a) The top 3 point earning wines will advance to second round.
- b) If two wines are tied with top scores, they will be the only wines to advance to Best in Fest round.
- c) Each judge will rate their wines in order of preference. The wine with the highest score will win.
- d) The judges will rank their favorite wine in this round to select the "Best in Fest" winery winner.

5. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

The "Best in Fest" 1st Place Winner will receive:

- a) A trophy which will be presented on the Festival main stage, Sunday, June 7 (the Winemaker or winery owner must be present to accept the award, which can then be displayed at the winner's booth).
- b) Two (2) VIP tickets to this year's Festival.
- c) Preferred booth placement at this year's Festival.
- d) An official Casa Pacifica Angels Wine, Food & Brew Festival "Best in Fest" flag set up in front of their booth (the winner should be sure to bring an extra supply of the winning wine to the Festival).
- e) Featured publication in the Festival press release, Festival website, e-blasts, and social media—plus an added win: targeted Wine Club advertising that connects your brand directly with engaged festival attendees and wine enthusiasts.

6. **By signing below, I understand, agree and abide by these rules stated above:**

Winery _____

Signature _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

Best Contact Phone _____

Email _____

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