



Wine Submission Information Form

2019 Amador Four Fires

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2019 Amador Four Fires Pre-Event Blind Tasting Wine Submission Information

The Amador Four Fires unique layout provides an opportunity to present wines based on varietal. At the event site, the grounds are divided into four zones, with each zone representing a wine region: Rhône, Italy, Iberia, and “Heritage California”. Only wines made from traditional grapes of the region may be poured in that zone. See Accepted Varieties and Synonyms below. This means that Zinfandels are poured in the Heritage California zone, Syrah in the Southern France zone, and so forth.

Wine Submissions begin March 1

Wine Submissions end March 25

Tasting Scheduled for April 2-3

Please use the *Winery Participation Form* at the end of this document.

At Amador Four Fires, the wines presented are intended to be the best Amador has to offer. The pre-event tasting enables the trade and media invited to the tasting to experience the wines without distraction and to give them an opportunity to write about and consider the wines before the event, extending value to participating wineries. Results will not be released to the public.

The following guidelines will be applied:

- Wines must be sourced from within Amador County.
- The variety or varieties must be stated on the label using synonym(s) of that region. If a blend, all components must qualify for that zone and be stated on the label. The label is the determining factor when questions arise.
- Wines must be available for purchase by the public (as of May 2019).

Tasting Procedure

The tasting will be conducted blind, by experienced wine professionals and wine writers.

Based on the 2016 tasting, we expect approximately 180 wines, from over 40 wineries, to be tasted by more than 20 “assessors” over a two-day period.

Tasters will be looking for clean wines, varietally correct, well structured, and with appropriate levels of sugar, alcohol, oak, and acid. Each wine will be tasted by 6-7 assessors, likely eliminating stylistic biases from affecting the results.

After the tasting, tasters will be given the identities of their top scoring wines only.

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Accepted Varieties and Synonyms (subject to revision) in the Different Zones/Regions:

Heritage California	Southern France	Italy	Iberia
Mission	Alicante Bouchet	Aglianico	Albarino
Zinfandel	Carignan	Barbera	Alicante Bouchet
	Cinsault	Canaiolo	Carinena/Mazuelo
	Counoise	Dolcetto	Garnacha
	Grenache Blanc	Malvasia	Graciano
	Grenache Noir	Montepulciano	Monastrell
	Marsanne	Moscato	Souzao
	Mourvèdre	Nebbiolo	Tempranillo
	Muscat (Blanc or Rouge, White or Black)	Pinot Grigio	Verdelho
	Petite Sirah/Durif	Primitivo	The Port wine grapes
	Roussanne	Sangiovese	
	Syrah	Teroldego	
	Viognier	Trebbiano	
		Vermentino	

