



## Wine Submission Information Form

2020 Amador Four Fires

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### 2020 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 February 21, 2020**

**Wine Submissions end March 15, 2020**

**Tasting Scheduled for March 24-25, 2020**

**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 2020).

### Tasting Procedure

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

Based on the 2019 tasting, we expect approximately 200 wines, from over 40 wineries, to be tasted by more than 20 “assessors” over a two-day period.

Tasters will be looking for wines that are clean, well balanced, varietally correct, and well structured. Each wine will be tasted by 6-8 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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## Top Wines

Again this year, the top scoring wines in each category will be highlighted before and during the Four Fires Festival itself. Winners will be listed on the Amador Four Fires website, highlighted on social media, included in a listing in the festival program and will have additional signage at the event itself.

Wineries with top scoring wines will also have the option to have their wines sold at the Four Fires Wine Store. Details will be provided to applicable wineries.

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

<b>Heritage California</b>	<b>Southern France</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Iberia</b>
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	

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## Amador Four Fires Pre-Event Tasting Winery Submission Form

Wines may be dropped off or shipped to:  
Amador 360  
18590 State Highway 49, Ste 1, Plymouth CA 95669

Winery	Contact Name
<b>Please provide 2 bottles of each wine submitted, and include this form. You may drop off wines at Amador 360 between 11am and 6pm daily, or ship to the address above, or call for pickup.</b>	Email
	Phone

### Amador Four Fires Zones/Regions (see included submission information document)

- Heritage California
- Rhone
- Italy
- Iberia

Vintage	Varietal (or Blend)	Varieties if Blend	Zone/Region

\*Please attach any additional information you would like us to have.