

GRAPE EXPECTATIONS

NEVADA SCHOOL
OF WINEMAKING



American Wine Society Elite,

Grape Expectations would like to thank everyone for participating in this year's winemaking process. No one had more fun than I did and it was wonderful getting to know all of you on a more personal level. As discussed with most you, we will be judging the Grape Expectations 2008 Vintage Wine some time around mid July. I have arranged to have *Le Cordon Bleu Culinary School* host our tasting on a date and time that will be most convenient for the majority of AWS members. Hopefully, we can "NAIL DOWN" the exact date and time during the AWS Spring Dinner.

There are 112 entries in 9 different categories that will need to be judged and they are as follows:

1. BORDEAUX STYLE

Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot based with Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot or Malavoise added. This, like last year, is by far the biggest category with (41) entrants.

2. CABERNET/MERLOT

All of the entrants are 80% Cabernet, 20% Merlot and there are (10)

3. ITALIAN STYLE

Sangiovese based wine, some with added varietals such as, Cabernet, Merlot, etc. (12) entrants

4. MERLOT

100% Merlot (5) entrants

5. CABERNET

100% Cabernet (5) entrants

6. RHONE STYLE

All but one is Grenache, Syrah and Mouvedre (6) entrants

7. BARBERA BLENDS

Most are 70% Barbera and 30% Cabernet (8) entrants

8. ZINFANDEL BLENDS

Zinfandel based with a multitude of other varietals as blending agents. There are (10) entrants

9. RED BLENDS

We need to have a category to lump the rest of the REDS as they are all over the place. It would be ideal to have more specific categories but that AIN'T HAPPENIN!!! There are (15) in this eclectic category and they are as follows:

- Cabernet 65% Merlot 20% Syrah 15%
- Cabernet 75% Syrah 25%
- Cabernet 45% Sangiovese 40% Syrah 15%
- Cabernet 80% Syrah 10% Cab Franc 10%
- Cabernet 50% Petite Syrah 20% Merlot 10% Cab Franc 10% Syrah 10%
- Cabernet 45% syrah 45% Petite Syrah 10%
- Cabernet 65% Malbec 35%
- Cabernet 80% Petite Syrah 20%
- Cabernet 40% Merlot 30% Grenache 15% Syrah 15%
- Cabernet 65% Zinfandel 20% Syrah 5% Petite Syrah 5% Grenache 5%
- Cabernet 90% Merlot 5% Syrah 5%
- Cabernet 75% Syrah 25%
- Tempranillo 50% Grenache 35% Syrah 15%
- Petite Syrah 60% Cabernet 20% Zinfandel 20%
- Petite Syrah 60% Zinfandel 35% Mouvedre 5%

Thanks in advance for all your time and efforts towards another successful tasting. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need further information.

Charlie Peters

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Grape Expectations *"Where U Make A Da Wine"*

"Vino Veritas"

(In wine is truth)

"Veni, Vidi, Velcro"

(We came, we saw, we stuck around)

"Nunquam Vino Spuemus"

(We never spit our wine)