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BEST OF BC WINE AWARDS 2017

A hallmark wine competition in the heart of Okanagan wine country. Don't miss this most extraordinary wine competition!

Kelowna

March 11, 2017

Kelowna Yacht Club

Okanagan Life Best of BC Wine Awards will take place on Sunday, March 11, 2017 at the beautiful Kelowna Yacht Club, a jewel on Kelowna's waterfront and an emerging venue for wine events. All B.C. wineries and cideries are eligible. **Gold, silver and bronze medals** will be awarded for the highest-scoring wines in each category. Awards for **Best of Show** wines will be given to the red and white wines entered in the competition with the highest overall scores. An award for **Best Winery** will be given to the winery with the greatest awards.

The winners of **Best of BC Wine Awards** will be highlighted in the April 2017 issue of *Okanagan Life* magazine and showcased on okanaganlife.com.

Wine Judges

Our panel of judges include experienced wine sommeliers, syndicated wine columnists and wine critics with wide experience and extensive training from all facets of the wine industry. Our wine panel chair is Helene Scott and floor manager is Tony Bonin.

For more than a quarter of a century, *Okanagan Life* has been the premiere magazine bringing wine reviews, culinary news and lifestyle features to thousands of readers across our region.

To assist with the April 2017 featured cover story on the Best of BC Wine award winners, we welcome submissions of high quality photographs of your winery and all the folks that make it all possible.

Entry per wine is $25 plus GST
Register online at **okanaganlife.com/bc-wine-awards**

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2017 Rules and Limitations

1. All B.C. wineries are eligible.
2. Only wines made from 100% B.C. grown fruit will be accepted.
3. The competition categories are subject to change. The competition chair reserves the right to add or remove categories as required (i.e., larger or smaller than anticipated submission quantities).
4. Wines have been divided into two price categories: $12 to $19.99 (consumer) and $20 and over (premium/prestige). The competition chairman reserves the right to combine price or other suitable categories if the number of entries in certain categories is insufficient.
5. Entries are limited to five (5) wines per producer. The competition chairman reserves the right to arbitrarily eliminate wines submitted that do not follow this requirement.
6. All products to be eligible must be available at BCLDB stores, LRS stores, VQA stores or at the winery.
7. As well as online submissions and payments, participating wineries must submit hardcopy forms along with their wines. These forms include the registration forms and a list which details the following information: product name and vintage, producer, grape variety or varieties, category, current retail price, SKU, and BC liquor stores sweetness code (00 to 10) or sugar content. See Detailed Wine Entry
8. To enter wine in a grape variety or blend category, the grape varieties must be specified on the label or on a product information sheet accompanying the entries.
9. A $25 entry fee is required for each entry submitted.
10. Three bottles per brand are to be submitted for each entry.
11. Awards for Best of Show wines will be given to the red and white wines entered in the competition with the highest overall scores. The competition chair reserves the right to awards Best of Show in an Ice Wine competition. An award for Best Winery will be given to the winery with the greatest award score, with greater weight given for gold medals and the least for bronze.

Wine Categories

Sparkling Wine

Off Dry White (01-02 sweetness code)

Riesling

Pinot Gris

Sauvignon Blanc

Chardonnay

Other Dry White

Rosé

Pinot Noir

Merlot

Cabernet Sauvignon

Cabernet Franc

Bordeaux style/Meritage Red

Syrah/Shiraz

Other Red Wine

Sweet/Ice Wine (05-10 sw.code)

Fortified Wine

Fruit wine

WINE DELIVERY DEADLINE

March 1, 2017 - Late deliveries will not be accepted.

Wine Shipments

Wineries must submit three bottles per entry.
Deliveries can be made weekdays from Monday to Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Shipping Address:

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