



Welsh Vineyards Association Competition.

The Association will hold two competitions concurrently. The first is The Welsh Wine Championship for the wines that meet Wine Standards requirements for Wales. The second is The Welsh Open Wine Championship.

Rules

Welsh Wine Championship

1. Wines must be made from at least 85% grapes grown in Wales and **conform with current DEFRA legislation**. The remainder must be from grapes grown in England.
2. The competition is open to any vineyard **in Wales**.
3. The entry form, correct fee and bottles must all be submitted within the deadlines specified. Late or incorrect entry forms and late arriving bottles are likely to be excluded unless the Organiser exceptionally exercises his discretion.
4. Wines must be from bottled stock and worthy of entry.
Wines which are clearly 'corked' will not be presented to the judges.
5. Wines should be clearly labelled with the number of the Class, the vineyard and vintage. Preferably they should be labelled as if for sale.
6. At the discretion of the Judges a Trophy may not be awarded for a particular Class if no wine reaches the minimum standard required for the awarding of a Trophy. (i.e. Bronze medal standard)
7. The decisions of the Judges and the Organiser are final and binding on all competitors.
8. In normal circumstances, we regret Trophies cannot be posted to winners. Medal stickers may be purchased for use exclusively upon bottles containing wine of the same vintage and blend which was entered and awarded in the Competition.
9. The classes available are as follows:
 - a. White Wine (Class 1)
 - b. Rosé Wine (Class 2)
 - c. Red Wine (Class 3)
 - d. Sparkling white wine (Class 4)
 - e. Sparkling Rosé. (Class 5)
 - f. Label (Class 6)
10. Awards of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded for wines meeting these standards
11. Label Competition. The label presented must be a commercial label displayed on a bottle of wine from bottled stock. Vineyards may enter more than one entry This entry is not eligible for the Thomas Davies trophy.

12. The Thomas Davies Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the wine receiving the highest mark from any class. This Trophy remains the property of the Welsh Vineyards Association. Collection and return of this trophy is the responsibility of the winning vineyard. It may be engraved with the winning vineyard name and year at the vineyard's expense.

Welsh Open Wine Championship

- a) Wines may be from any vineyard in the British Isles, made from any grape grown in Britain or internationally.
- b) Wines must be from bottled stock and worthy of entry.
Wines which are clearly 'corked' will not be presented to the judges.
- c) Wines should be clearly labelled with the number of the Class, the vineyard and vintage. Preferably they should be labelled as if for sale.
- d) At the discretion of the Judges a Certificate may not be awarded for a particular Class if no wine reaches the minimum standard required for the awarding of 'best wine in class'. (i.e. Bronze medal standard)
- e) The decisions of the Judges and the Organiser are final and binding on all competitors.
- f) Medal stickers may be purchased for use exclusively upon bottles containing wine of the same vintage and blend which was entered and awarded in the Competition.
- g) The classes will be:
 - i. White (Class 7)
 - ii. Red (Class 8)
 - iii. Rosé (Class 9)
 - iv. Sparkling white wine (Class 10)
 - v. Sparkling Rosé. (Class 11)
- h) Awards in these classes are Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.
- i) These classes do not qualify for the Thomas Davies Memorial Trophy. There is currently no trophy available.