

Rules for the 2019 MTGWA Conference People's Choice wine competition and wine tasting March 21, 2019

1. No kit wines to be entered.
2. Contest open to any member aged 21+ years, amateur or commercial. Entering winemakers must be members of MTGWA and must have made the entered wine.
3. Three wines may be entered in the competition per membership in the MTGWA. Additional wines may be entered at \$5.00/bottle. Members not attending the Conference may enter wines at \$15.00/bottle.
4. Bottles must be labeled with the required forms available at the contest. Bottles will be covered and placed in the category chosen. Do not identify your covered bottle(s) to anyone. Be an impartial judge.
5. Vote once for each category you judge (any or all). Which wines are best? You be the judge. Complete judging before going to the open tasting with labels revealed (see rule 9 below).
6. First, second and third place awards will be presented at the Friday banquet. Grower of the year, winemaker of the year and best of show wine awards will be based on the number of votes accumulated in the contest.
7. In case of ties, winner will be determined by coin flip. In any dispute, entrants and members agree by entering that the decisions of the MTGWA board of directors are final. The purpose of this competition is to promote Montana wineries, cideries, winemakers and vineyards etc. and to **have fun**.
8. Entrants are responsible for clearing their wine and bottles from the room at the end of the People's Choice competition.
9. Open wine tasting with winemaker's labels revealed will be held in an adjacent area for those who have completed judging or do not wish to judge. Any member can share a labeled wine for the open wine tasting. Note: this may benefit wineries especially as guests and/or market influencers may be present.

Categories for the competition:

1. White /Rose Native-American or French Hybrid.
2. Other white wines, open class, hybrid or vinifera.
3. Red Native-American or French Hybrid.
4. Other red wines open class, hybrid or vinifera.
5. Cider.
6. Other fruit wines.
7. Meads.
8. Dessert/other fortified wines.