2026 Western New York Home Wine & Hard Cider Competition

Sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County

Entry drop off: July 20th - August 6th (M-F only) 8AM - 4:30PM M-Th, 8AM - 4PM Friday

Please complete this entry form, sign & date below. An original form must be completely filled out with each wine or cider entry.

Name:_____

Street, City, State, Zip:_____

Variety (by % if known):_____

Year Made:_____

Email:_____

Phone/cell:_____

ENTRY CATEGORIES (PLEASE CIRCLE):

1. Vinifera—white	4. Hybrid—white	7. Native—white	10. Tree Fruit	13. Hard Cider
2. Vinifera—red	5. Hybrid—red	8. Native—red	11. Berry Fruit	
3. Vinifera—rose	6. Hybrid—rose	9. Native—rose	12. Specialty	

SWEETNESS Dry Semi-Sweet Sweet

RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. This competition is open to any amateur wine or cider maker, 21 years or older, who is a resident of New York State or Southern Ontario.
2. Entry categories are shown above. Wines may be re-categorized at the judges' discretion.
3. Each entry must include ONE bottle (24-26 oz. or 750ml). No bottles will be returned to the entrant. All entries become property of the WNY Home Wine & Hard Cider Competition.
4. Each bottle must be identified with the maker's name, address, and category in which it was entered.
5. An entry fee of $5.00 is required for each entry.
6. Entries must be dropped off or arrive by mail at CCE of Niagara County between July 20th - August 6th by 4:30pm, Monday—Friday only (CCE closes at 4pm on Fridays). After hours drop off can be arranged by appointment only by emailing Amanda at app27@cornell.edu.
7. Packaging and shipping is the responsibility of the entrant. The WNY Home Wine & Hard Cider Competition will not be responsible for lost or damaged bottles.
8. The competition committee will decide questions on rules and procedures. All decisions rendered will be final.
9. To enter, complete the form above, sign and date below, include entry form with the entry fee and bottle.
10. Ribbons will be awarded to prize winners. All entries must be from home wine makers. No entries from wineries or from employees thereof will be considered.

Entries with entry fee must be delivered or dropped off, *NO EXCEPTIONS*, to:

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County
WNY Home Wine Competition
4487 Lake Avenue
Lockport, NY 14094
8am-4:30pm, 8am-4pm on Fridays

Entries will be judged in a closed judging session. Awards will be posted in the 4-H Training Center on Saturday August 8th at 5pm. Ribbons can be picked up after Monday August 10th during regular business hours.

I here-by certify that the above entered wine or cider was produced by me in accordance with the above rules and within all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, and that the classifications I have indicated are correct to the best of my knowledge. I further agree to be bound by the Rules and Procedures of the competition, as well as the decisions of the Competition Committee.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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