

## **The 2007 Ohio Wine Competition Summary**

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The 2007 Ohio Wine Competition ran smoothly with the complete satisfaction of The Ohio State University/OARDC wine competition staff as well as the panel of seven experienced judges. We have chosen once again to analyze all of the wines that are entered into the 2007 Ohio Wine Competition and Ohio Quality Wine Assurance Program. It is our goal to provide an educational tool with the chemical analysis and judges comments provided in addition to marketing benefits from any awards that were given.

The 2007 Ohio Wine Competition marked several significant achievements in competition history. We received the second highest amount of total entries in the Ohio Wine Competition at 265 wines entered. In addition, the judges awarded 173 total medals, ranking second in the total amount of medals ever awarded. The 2007 competition awarded 25 Gold medals also placing it as the second highest number of gold medals ever awarded. In comparison to the 2006 Ohio Wine Competition, with the exception of hybrid category entries, all other categories showed the same or an increase in the percent of medals awarded within each category. This represents a good indicator that quality is continuing to get better and more importantly suggests that we are consistently making quality wines in Ohio. As represented in the past several competitions, the 2007 Ohio Wine Competition once again received the highest amount of entries across Vinifera categories in comparison to Hybrid or American category entries. The number of fruit wine entries set a competition record with 24 wines entered into the 2007 competition.

In summary, the information presented above reflects that we are in an exciting era of grape growing and winemaking in Ohio by producing consistent high quality wines across the board that are gaining due respect throughout the United States for us as a great winemaking state and region.

We would like to thank all the participating wineries of the 2007 Ohio Wine Competition in addition to the excellent panel of judges that dedicated their time and experience in making this a successful competition. The Ohio State University/OARDC along with the Ohio Grape Industries Program is committed to further enhancing wine quality through research and extension in addition to continued evaluation and improvements of the Ohio Wine Competition and Ohio Quality Wine Assurance Program. Included in this newsletter are the complete results of the 2007 Ohio Wine Competition

**2007 OHIO WINE COMPETITION and OHIO QUALITY WINE ASSURANCE  
PROGRAM STATISTIC SUMMARY**

**Entries: 265**  
**Gold medals: 25**  
**Silver medals: 69**  
**Bronze medals: 79**  
**Total medals: 173 (65.3%)**

**Vinifera Categories (Not Including Blush/Rose)      Hybrid categories (Not Including Blush/Rose)**

Total entries:	95		Total entries:	48	
Percent of total entries:		(35.8%)	Percent of total entries:		(18.1%)
Medals awarded:	65		Medals awarded:	28	
Percent of medals in category:		(68.4%)	Percent of medals in category:		(58.3%)
Percent of total medals:		(38.0%)	Percent of total medals:		(16.2%)

**American Categories (Not Including Blush/Rose)      Fruit Wines**

Total entries:	51		Total entries:	24	
Percent of total entries:		(19.2%)	Percent of total entries:		(9.1%)
Medals awarded:	29		Medals awarded:	16	
Percent of medals in category:		(56.9%)	Percent of medals in category:		(66.7%)
Percent of total medals:		(16.8%)	Percent of total medals:		(9.2%)

**Flavored Fruit Wines/Specialty**

Total entries:	7	
Percent of total entries:		(2.6%)
Medals awarded:	6	
Percent of medals in category:		(85.7%)
Percent of total medals:		(3.5%)

**Blush/Rose (Inc. American, Hybrid & Vinifera)**

Total entries:	18	
Percent of total entries:		(6.8%)
Medals awarded:	11	
Percent of medals in category:		(61.1%)
Percent of total medals:		(6.4%)

**Sparkling**

Total entries:	3	
Percent of total entries:		(1.1%)
Medals awarded:	3	
Percent of medals in category:		(100.0%)
Percent of total medals:		(1.7%)

**Ice Wine**

Total entries:	12	
Percent of total entries:		(4.5%)
Medals awarded:	10	
Percent of medals in category:		(83.3%)
Percent of total medals:		(5.8%)

**Dessert Fortified: Dry or Sweet**

Total entries:	7	
Percent of total entries:		(2.6%)
Medals awarded:	5	
Percent of medals in category:		(71.4%)
Percent of total medals:		(2.9%)

## 2007 Ohio Quality Wine Assurance Program Summary

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After successful completion of the 2007 Ohio Wine Competition, indications reflect that the Ohio Wine Competition was an excellent vehicle to utilize in analyzing wines submitted into the Ohio Quality Wine Assurance Program. The expert judges, competent staff and well-organized competition lead to a smooth running and successful event that enabled us to accurately evaluate both wines entered into the Ohio Wine Competition and the Ohio Quality Wine Assurance Program. All of the wines entered into the Ohio Quality Wine Assurance Program took advantage of the added benefit of entering the Ohio Wine Competition through the opportunity of receiving the appropriate medal awarded and publicity announcements to be generated. Listed below are the numbers for the Ohio Quality Wine Assurance Program. The breakdown listed below reflects only the wines that were entered into the Ohio Wine Competition for evaluation under the Ohio Quality Wine Assurance Program.

In summary, out of 86 total entries for seal consideration, 41 wines achieved 71 points or higher making them eligible for the Quality Seal designation assuming other qualifying and chemical parameters have been met according to the regulations. We were happy and pleased with the amount of entries into the Ohio Quality Wine Assurance Program for it's inaugural year and first submittal time. In addition, we were pleased that 47.7 percent of the submitted wines scored high enough for the quality seal designation. Wineries that entered a wine into the Ohio Quality Wine Assurance program that did not score high enough for seal designation, are able to resubmit these wines in addition to entering further wines for sensory evaluation at the designated submittal times in determining seal eligibility. The alternate submittal times will be performed under the same regulations and sensory parameters as the Ohio Wine Competition. Other submittal times are built in to answer later release dates in addition to resubmitted wines. The additional submittal times have been targeted for August, November and February requiring at least 10 wines to perform the sensory evaluation by an expert sensory panel. The Ohio Quality Assurance Program committee will announce the specific dates shortly.

**THE OHIO QUALITY WINE ASSURANCE  
PROGRAM STATISTICAL SUMMARY**

**Total Entries: 86**  
**Qualifying Entries: 41**  
**Percent of qualifying entries: (47.7%)**  
**Entries not qualifying: 45**  
**Percent of non-qualifying entries:(52.3)**

**Vinifera Categories (Not Including Blush/Rose)    Hybrid categories (Not Including Blush/Rose)**

Total entries:	43	Total entries:	26
Percent of total entries:	(50.0%)	Percent of total entries:	(30.2%)
Qualifying Wines:	22	Qualifying Wines:	9
% of qualifying wines in category:	(51.2%)	% of qualifying wines in category:	(34.6%)
Percent of total wines eligible:	(53.7%)	Percent of total wines eligible:	(22.0%)

**Blush/Rose (Inc. Hybrid & Vinifera)**

Total entries:	2
Percent of total entries:	(2.3%)
Qualifying Wines:	1
% of qualifying wines in category:	(50.0%)
Percent of total wines eligible:	(2.4%)

**Dessert Fortified: Dry or Sweet**

Total entries:	4
Percent of total entries:	(4.6%)
Qualifying Wines:	2
% of qualifying wines in category:	(50.0%)
Percent of total wines eligible:	(4.9%)

**Ice Wine**

Total entries:	11
Percent of total entries:	(12.7%)
Qualifying Wines:	7
% of qualifying wines in category:	(63.6%)
Percent of total wines eligible:	(17.1%)