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Categories and Codes

<u>Category</u> WHITES	<u>Code</u>	<u>Category</u> REDS	<u>Code</u>
Chardonnay	110	Cabernet Sauvignon	310
Sauvignon Blanc/Fume´ Blanc	120	Pinot Noir	320
Chenin Blanc	130	Merlot	330
Viognier	140	Cabernet Franc	340
Pinot Grigio/Pinot Gris	150	Zinfandel	350
Riesling	160	Syrah/Shiraz	360
Gewurztraminer	170	Petite Sirah	370
Muscat	180	Sangiovese	380
Misc. White Varietals/Vinifera	190	Bordeaux Blends	390
Misc. White Varietals/Hybrid	210	Red Blends/ Vinifera (not BDX varietals; at least 75% Vinifera)	410
White Blends/Vinifera (at least 75% Vinifera)	220	Red Blends/Hybrids (at least 75% hybrid grapes)	420
White Blends/Hybrid (at least 75% hybrids)	230	Misc. Red Varietals/ Vinifera	430
Late Harvest Whites (2% r.s. and above)	240	Misc. Red Varietals/Hybrid	440
Native American White (Niagara, Muscadine, Catawba etc)	250	Native American Reds (Concord, etc)	450

<u>Category</u> BLUSH/ROSE	<u>Code</u>	<u>Category</u> SPARKLING WINES	<u>Code</u>
White Zinfandel	510	Sparkling: Brut and Extra Dry	610
Blush Varietals (other than Zin; at least 75% of the varietal)	520	Sparkling: Sec and Demi-Sec	620
Blush/Rose Blends/Vinifera	530	Sparkling Fruit	630
Other Blush/Blends	550		

<u>Category</u> MISCELLANEOUS		
White Dessert	650	
Red Dessert (other than Port style)	660	
Port Style	670	
Fruit Dessert	680	
Fruit, Non-dessert	690	
Fruit and Grape Blends	710	
Specialty Wines (Chile Wine, flavored sparklers)	720	
Fortified (Sherry, etc.)	730	
Mead	740	

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Eligible Wines

To be eligible for Toast of Taos Southwest Wine Competition, wines must be:

- Produced in wineries within the Southwest Region (Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah)
- Produced from fruit (grapes and/or other fruits) grown within the Southwest Region, as defined above. However, all the fruit used by a particular winery does not necessarily have to come from that winery's own state.
- Commercially available in at least one of the Southwest states (TX, NM, OK, UT, AZ, CO).

Completing the Entry Form

- Under "Wine Entry," please include the brand name and designation as it appears on the front label.
- In the Category Code column, enter the category code to which the wine entry belongs. See list of codes on prior page. The Toast of Taos, Southwest Wine Competition Committee reserves the right to change the category of wines entered if such is deemed necessary. For example, if four or more wines of a particular varietal (such as Tempranillo) turn up in a general category (i.e., Misc, Red Varietals/ Vinifera), a separate category may be created and the wines judged as that varietal. If there are fewer than four entries per category, the Competition Committee may place the wines into a more general category.
- Please enter any other special designations, such as Proprietary Name (i.e. "Mountain Morning Spring White"), Appellation, etc.
- For blended wines, please indicate varietal percentages. All varietal wines must contain at least 75% of the varietal listed.
- Please note the residual sugar. This information will help determine the order of wine presentation to the judges.

Other Entry Requirements and Fees:

- An entry consists of four standard-size bottles (750 ml or 1.5 liter), or six half bottles (375 ml).
- **The entry fee per wine entry is \$30.00.** The fee includes all handling, storage, judging, and advertising of the event as well as follow-up media coverage.
- You may enter as many wine categories as you wish.
- **The entry fee per bottle package (label) entry is \$5.00.**
- Please mail a clean paper copy of each bottle package (label) entry. Please also email a digital copy of each bottle package entry to strigg@taoshospital.org.

Judging:

Wines: For this competition, all wines will be judged by the same panel of ten judges, allowing for a more consistent judging procedure. The panel will include judges from the Southwest region. While a rating sheet will be provided as a guide for the judges, the final awards will be by consensual procedure. Before the competition begins, judges will be given "calibration" wines of at least one white and one red. If, during the competition, the judges deem an entry flawed, corked, or just off, at least one additional bottle will be opened and judged.

Bottle Package: Bottle packages will be judged by a separate panel of artists and art experts. Judging criteria include but are not limited to originality, communication (is the bottle package a "shelf talker"?), and representation of origin area.

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Metals and Award Stickers:

Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals will be awarded, with multiple medals possible in each category. A Double Gold Medal is reserved for those wines receiving a unanimous vote for a Gold Medal by all judges. Special Award Medals may also include, but are not limited to, "Best White," "Best Red," "Best Sparkling," and "Best of the Southwest." Award winners will also have the opportunity to purchase at cost one or more rolls of 1000 award stickers.

Complete and sign your entry form.

Mail Entry Fee and Completed Form to

Sally Trigg
Holy Cross Hospital Foundation
P. O. Box DD
Taos, NM 87571

DO NOT SHIP WINES TO THIS ADDRESS.

If paying by check, make check payable to **Holy Cross Hospital Foundation**.

If paying by credit card, please complete the following form and include with entry form:

(Visa or MasterCard accepted)

Card #: _____ **Expiration date:** _____

Name on card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Ship wines and label entries (4 bottles per entry), prepaid, to

Sally Trigg
Holy Cross Hospital Foundation
1397 Weimer Road
Taos, NM 87571

Note: Include a copy of the entry form in your wine shipment. Also keep a copy for yourself.

Note: Neither the Taste of Taos/Southwest Wine Competition nor its designees shall be responsible for any loss or damages which occur during shipment or delivery.

DEADLINE FOR POSTMARK OF ENTRY FORMS: May 23, 2008.

DEADLINE FOR WINES TO BE IN TAOS: June 10, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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