Fruit & Wine Rules.

1. Eligibility.
   A. Limited to residents of Minnesota. Only one entry will be permitted in an amateur class by one exhibitor; and only one member from any family or household may enter in any class.
      1. The Superintendent retains the right to determine, either at the time entry is made or at the time the exhibit is staged, the eligibility of the entrant, and reserves the right to bar any entrant from showing if, in their best judgment, the entrant is ineligible.
   B. Professionals will not be permitted to show in the Amateur classes. The following definitions shall govern to differentiate between Amateur and Professional exhibitors:
      1. Amateur. Persons who grow horticultural products for pleasure and personal use, possibly sell small quantities and who are in no way, directly or indirectly, currently connected with the production or handling of horticultural products commercially. For the purposes of the wine competition, persons who make small quantities of wine for their consumption are not required to be licensed by the Federal TTB.
      2. Professional. For the purposes of this competition, all other individuals shall be considered professional, regardless of whether horticulture is their principle business. Exhibitors who are deemed professional by these criteria are ineligible to exhibit in Amateur classes.

2. Exhibits. All exhibits must be labeled with variety. Failure to do so will cause the exhibit to be disqualified.
   A. Delivery Date: Wednesday, Aug. 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
      1. Exhibits must be delivered to the South Hall of the Ag-Hort building, by 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26 (the day before the fair begins) and will be judged later that evening. Exhibits MUST arrive in time for start of judging or they will be disqualified.
   B. If an exhibitor is unable to deliver exhibits on delivery day (the day before the fair begins), they may be sent to the superintendent at the fairgrounds (all charges prepaid).
      1. Address: Superintendent, Fruit and Wine, c/o Competition, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Avenue North, Saint Paul, MN 55108.
   C. All exhibits will be placed under the direction of the Superintendent, provided they are received at the Ag-Hort building prior to the time named for exhibits to be in place, and ONLY if entries have been made with the competition department.
   D. Attach entry tags to all exhibits and they will be placed in the proper class. When exhibits are sent to the fairgrounds with no entry tag attached, a copy of email receipt must be included, or a note of explanation.
   E. All exhibitors will receive any ribbons awarded by mail, and in the case of wine competitors, copies of the judges comments, following the conclusion of the fair.

3. Judging. The judges may, at their discretion, withhold awards from any exhibit which they consider to be unworthy of a prize. The decision of the judges shall be final.

4. Entries close. Entry deadline Monday, August 17, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

5. Retention of exhibits: picked up in person. Exhibitors wishing to retain wine bottles must make arrangements with superintendent at the time the wine is delivered for competition, and exhibits must be picked up in person between 8-9 p.m. Labor Day. Admission will not be charged after 8 p.m. for exhibitors coming in through the South Underwood gate (gate 7) to remove exhibits.
Division 136: Amateur Fruit

Amateur Fruit Additional Rules

1. In addition to division rules, exhibitors and exhibits are bound by the overall Fruit and Wine Department Rules.

2. All exhibits must have been grown within the state by the persons in whose name they are entered, unless otherwise noted in rules or classification.

3. **Plates.** A plate of apples or pears must consist of exactly six (6) specimens; grapes, three (3) bunches; crabapples, plums and cherry plums, ten (10) specimens. Not more than one plate of any one variety will be permitted in a collection, nor can fruit of any one variety be shown under synonymous names.

4. **Labels.** Each variety must be correctly labeled with its name, or, if an unnamed seedling, it must be noted. Every plate or tray must be identified by class number, exhibitor number, and variety. In the case of a multiple plate or multiple tray entry, each plate or tray must be labeled with class number, exhibitor number, and the specific variety displayed in that plate or tray. Identifying tags will be provided for exhibitor use in the Ag-Hort Building when delivering exhibits.

5. **Replacing.** Exhibitors may replace with fresh fruit any specimen that shows a tendency to spot or decay at any time during the fair, except when the judge is working upon the class to which it belongs.

6. **Inferior Specimens.** Decayed, injured or inferior specimens must not be exhibited, and when such specimens appear in a collection, they will not be counted and the entire exhibit will be disqualified for judging.

7. **Preparation.** Select specimens normal in size, color and condition. All blemished fruits are discounted by the judges. Handle specimens carefully. The judges discourage polishing the fruit.

   A. Under size, color, form and condition, respectively, are also considered uniformity and conformity to a desirable type for the variety.

   B. Overgrown specimens are not desirable. In picking the fruit, care must be taken not to break out the stems.

   C. Fruit which is to be shipped any distance should be well wrapped with regular wrapping tissue or newspaper, and packed firmly in a suitable strong container; loosely packed fruit will bruise in shipping.

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**Premiums for Amateur Fruit**

- Amateur Fruit (unless otherwise listed)
  - $15 $10 $8 $5
- Fruit Collection
  - $25 $20 $15 $10
- Amateur Fruit Sweepstakes
  - $30 $20 $17
- Heaviest Grape Cluster
  - $25 $0 $0

**Class Listing for Amateur Fruit**
### Apples

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### Cherry Plums
- 727 Plums, any other variety
  Specify variety name. Single plate. 10 specimens.
- 730 Cherry Plums, Compass
  Single plate. 10 specimens.
- 732 Cherry Plums, Oka, Sapa or Sapalta
  Single plate. 10 specimens.
- 733 Cherry Plums, any other variety
  Specify variety name. Single plate. 10 specimens.

### Pears
- 734 Pears, Parker/Flemish Beauty
  Single plate. Six specimens.
- 735 Pears, Patten
  Single plate. Six specimens.
- 736 Pears, Seckal
  Single plate. Six specimens.
- 737 Pears, Summer Crisp
  Single plate. Six specimens.
- 738 Pears, any other variety
  Specify variety name. Single plate. Six specimens.

### Crab Apples
- 739 Crab Apples, Centennial
  Single plate. 10 specimens.
- 740 Crab Apples, Chestnut
  Single plate. 10 specimens.
- 741 Crab Apples, Dolgo
  Single plate. 10 specimens.
- 744 Crab Apples, Whitney
  Single plate. 10 specimens.
- 745 Crab Apples, any other variety
  Specify variety name. Single plate. 10 specimens.

### Grapes
- 746 Grapes, Bluebell
  Single plate. Three bunches.
- 747 Grapes, Brianna
  Single plate. Three bunches.
- 748 Grapes, Concord
  Single plate. Three bunches.
- 749 Grapes, Crimson Pearl
  Single plate. Three bunches.
- 750 Grapes, Edelweiss
  Single plate. Three bunches.
- 751 Grapes, Frontenac
  Single plate. Three bunches.
- 752 Grapes, Frontenac Blanc
  Single plate. Three bunches.
- 753 Grapes, Frontenac Gris
  Single plate. Three bunches.
- 754 Grapes, La Crescent
  Single plate. Three bunches.
- 755 Grapes, La Crosse
  Single plate. Three bunches.
Grapes, Leon Millot or Marechal Foch
Single plate. Three bunches.

Grapes, Louise Swenson
Single plate. Three bunches.

Grapes, Marquette
Single plate. Three bunches.

Grapes, Petite Pearl
Single plate. Three bunches.

Grapes, Prairie Star
Single plate. Three bunches.

Grapes, St. Croix
Single plate. Three bunches.

Grapes, St. Pepin
Single plate. Three bunches.

Grapes, Sabrevoix
Single plate. Three bunches.

Grapes, Swenson Red
Single plate. Three bunches.

Grapes, any vinifera variety
Specify variety name. Single plate. Three bunches.

Grapes, any seedless variety
Specify variety name. Single plate. Three bunches.

Grapes, any other Labrusca variety, Concord-type
Specify variety name. Single plate. Three bunches.

Grapes, any other Muscat variety
Osceola, Muscat, Petit Amie, etc. Specify variety name. Single plate. Three bunches.

Grapes, any other hybrid red wine variety
Single plate. Three bunches.

Grapes, any other hybrid white wine variety
Single plate. Three bunches.

Other Fruit

Reliance Peach
Single plate. Six specimens.

Any other Peach
Single plate. Six specimens.

Meteor Cherry
One pint.

Kiwi
Single plate. Six specimens.

Any other fruit, grown in Minnesota
Must be fresh and in good condition. If there are multiple entries of a particular fruit for several successive years, it will be added as a permanent classification to the competition.

Amateur Fruit Collection

Amateur fruit collection, six plates
Apples, Plums, Cherry Plums, Pears, Crab Apples, Other Fruit.
Each plate shall be of a different variety, with no more than two plates from any one category of fruit. Each plate to be identified by exhibitor number, class and variety.

Sweepstakes, Amateur Fruit
To the three exhibitors amassing the three highest totals of sweepstakes points. Points awarded: first place receives six points, second place receives three points, third place receives one point. Sweepstakes ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded. A trophy will be awarded to the sweepstakes winner.
MGGA Heaviest Grape Cluster Contest

782  Heaviest Grape Cluster

In order to encourage excellence in growing grapes for fresh consumption, and the exploration of cultural techniques for enhancing quality, the MGGA sponsors an additional section of the State Fair’s fresh grape competition. Growers are encouraged to learn about and explore various standard techniques for manipulating grapes and improving their quality for fresh eating. These include cluster and berry thinning, cane girdling, and gibberellic acid treatments (in seedless varieties). These techniques can have dramatic effects on 1) cluster size and weight and 2) attractiveness of the cluster. The MGGA has available both written and video materials describing these techniques. Ribbons will be awarded to the top three (3) places.

RULES

1. Each entry shall consist of a single grape cluster. This cluster may not be entered in any other class.
2. Condition of the fruit will not be specific evaluation criterion. However, only fruit in excellent condition (free of fungus and insect damage) will be accepted.
3. Entries in Heaviest Cluster, shall be scored on their weight, with the heaviest cluster awarded first place, etc.
4. NOTE: Entries in the MGGA Special Category do not count in sweepstakes award computations. (See class 781.)
5. This competition is open to both amateur and professional growers.
Division 137: Amateur Wine

Amateur Wine Additional Rules

1. In addition to division rules, exhibitors and exhibits are bound by the overall Fruit and Wine Department Rules.

2. Wines entered in standard clear or colored glass bottles are preferred but wine bottled in other glass beverage bottles 25-34 oz. is acceptable. One bottle per class is sufficient.
   A. Wine disposal. All wine will be disposed of by the superintendent because of spoilage during the display. All bottles will be recycled by superintendent unless prior arrangements are made with the Competition Department at the time entry is submitted. Exhibitors wishing to retain entered bottles must mark SAVE on the back of the entry tag on each bottle. MUST be picked up in person on Labor Day, Sept. 7 between 8-9 p.m.
   B. Labels. Labels on bottles will be covered by the superintendent by wrapping with paper during judging, but will be uncovered afterwards for display. Labels should include winemaker’s name, address, type of wine, vintage year; and be sized about 3” x 5”.
   C. Entry tags. Tags will be sent to exhibitors after the initial entry and must be attached to the bottle. Each bottle must have a tag showing division, class, and exhibitor number.

3. International Cold-Climate Wine Competition. For information regarding this competition, contact the Minnesota Grape Growers Association at mngrapes.org.

Premiums for Amateur Wine

Amateur Wine (unless listed otherwise)
$15 $12 $10 $8 $5

Class Listing for Amateur Wine

Amateur Wine Show
1. Red grape table wine, Minnesota grapes
   From 100% Minnesota grown grapes.
2. Red grape table wine
   From any other source.
3. White grape table wine, Minnesota grapes
   From 100% Minnesota grown grapes.
4. White grape table wine
   From any other source.
5. Rosé grape table wine, Minnesota grapes
   From 100% Minnesota grown grapes.
6. Rosé grape table wine
   From any other source.
7. Labrusca table wine
   Concord-type, any color.
8. Any other grape wine
   e.g. Riparia.
9. Sparkling wine, Minnesota fruit
   From 100% Minnesota grown fruit.
10. Sparkling wine
    From any other source.
11. Rhubarb wine
12. Apple wine
13. Elderberry wine
14. Chokecherry wine
15. Raspberry wine
16. Plum wine
17. Cherry wine
18 Any other berry wine
19 Dessert wine
20 Port wine
21 Any other fortified wine
22 Any other wine
   *Such as dandelion, corn, etc.*
23 Mead
   *May include other fruit substances, but must contain at least 51% honey.*
24 Sweepstakes, Wine
   *To the exhibitor amassing the highest total of sweepstakes points. Points awarded: first place receives four points, second place receives two points, third place receives one point. A trophy will be awarded to the sweepstakes winner.*