

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Aug. 22-Sept. 2, 2024

## Fruit & Wine

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### Fruit & Wine Rules.

1. **Eligibility.** 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.
  - A. Limited to residents of Minnesota.
  - B. 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.
      - a. **Professionals will not be permitted to show in the Amateur classes.**
2. **Entries.**
  - A. **Entry deadline.** Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.
  - B. 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.
3. **Exhibits.** All exhibits must be labeled with variety. Failure to do so will cause the exhibit to be disqualified.
  - A. 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.
  - B. All exhibits will be placed under the direction of the superintendent, provided they are received at the Agriculture Horticulture Building prior to the time named for exhibits to be in place, and ONLY if entries have been made with the competition department.
4. **Exhibit delivery and pick-up.**
  - A. **Delivery date and time.** Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
    1. **NOTE:** Exhibit drop off is two days BEFORE the first day of the fair.
    2. Exhibits must be delivered to the South Hall of the Agriculture Horticulture Building, and will be judged Wednesday (the day before the fair begins). Exhibits MUST arrive by the end of the day Tuesday for judging or they will be disqualified.
  - B. If an exhibitor is unable to deliver exhibits on delivery day (the Tuesday 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. **Retention of wine bottles.** Exhibitors wishing to retain wine bottles must make arrangements with department staff at the time the wine is delivered for competition. Exhibitors should write "SAVE" on the back of the entry tag for each bottle they wish to retrieve. Exhibits must be picked up at the competition office located in the Admin Too building between the Wednesday following Labor Day and the last day of September. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; except for the following dates/times:
    1. **closed** Friday, Sept. 6, 2024 after 11 a.m.
    2. **closed** Monday, Sept. 9, 2024.
5. **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.

- A. 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.

## 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.
  - A. **Amateur Fruit Collection.** 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. Additional exhibitor tags will be provided for exhibitor use in the Agriculture Horticulture 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.

#### Judging Criteria - Plates

Size.....	15
Color.....	20
Trueness to variety.....	10
Condition.....	30
Uniformity.....	25
	<b>100</b>

#### Judging Criteria - Collections

Size.....	15
Color.....	20
Trueness to variety.....	10
Condition.....	30
Uniformity.....	15
Importance.....	10
	<b>100</b>

### 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

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**Apples**

- 695 Apples, Beacon  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 696 Apples, Connell Red  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 697 Apples, Cortland  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 698 Apples, Delicious or red sports  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 699 Apples, Fireside  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 700 Apples, Golden Delicious  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 701 Apples, Haral Red  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 702 Apples, Haralson  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 703 Apples, Honeycrisp  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 704 Apples, Honeygold  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 705 Apples, McIntosh  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 706 Apples, Northwestern Greening  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 707 Apples, Prairie Spy  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 708 Apples, Red Baron  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 709 Apples, Regent  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 710 Apples, State Fair  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 711 Apples, Wealthy  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 712 Apples, any other variety  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. Six specimens.*
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**Plums**

- 713 Plums, Alderman  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 714 Plums, La Crescent  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 715 Plums, Mount Royal  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 716 Plums, Pipestone  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 717 Plums, Superior  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 718 Plums, Toka  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 719 Plums, Underwood  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*

- 720 Plums, any other variety  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. 10 specimens.*
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**Cherry Plums**

- 721 Cherry Plums, Compass  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 722 Cherry Plums, Oka, Sapa or Sapalta  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 723 Cherry Plums, any other variety  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. 10 specimens.*
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**Pears**

- 724 Pears, Parker/Flemish Beauty  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 725 Pears, Patten  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 726 Pears, Seckal  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 727 Pears, Summer Crisp  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 728 Pears, any other variety  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. Six specimens.*
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**Crab Apples**

- 729 Crab Apples, Centennial  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 730 Crab Apples, Chestnut  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 731 Crab Apples, Dolgo  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 732 Crab Apples, Whitney  
*Single plate. 10 specimens.*
- 733 Crab Apples, any other variety  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. 10 specimens.*
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**Grapes**

- 734 Grapes, Beta  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 735 Grapes, Bluebell  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 736 Grapes, Brianna  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 737 Grapes, Concord  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 738 Grapes, Crimson Pearl  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 739 Grapes, Edelweiss  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 740 Grapes, Frontenac  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 741 Grapes, Frontenac Blanc  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 742 Grapes, Frontenac Gris  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 743 Grapes, Itasca  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*

- 744 Grapes, La Crescent  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 745 Grapes, La Crosse  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 746 Grapes, Leon Millot or Marechal Foch  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 747 Grapes, Louise Swenson  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 748 Grapes, Marquette  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 749 Grapes, Petite Pearl  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 750 Grapes, Prairie Star  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 751 Grapes, St. Croix  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 752 Grapes, St. Pepin  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 753 Grapes, Sabrevoix  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 754 Grapes, Swenson Red  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 755 Grapes, any vinifera variety  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 756 Grapes, any seedless variety  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 757 Grapes, any other Labrusca variety, Concord-type  
*Specify variety name. Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 758 Grapes, any other Muscat variety  
*Osceola, Muscat, Petit Amie, etc. Specify variety name. Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 759 Grapes, any other hybrid red wine variety  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*
- 760 Grapes, any other hybrid white wine variety  
*Single plate. Three bunches.*

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### Other Fruit

- 761 Peach, Reliance  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 762 Peach, any other variety  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 763 Meteor Cherry  
*One pint.*
- 764 Kiwi  
*Single plate. Six specimens.*
- 765 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.*

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### Amateur Fruit Collection

- 780 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.*
- 781 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 department staff at the time wine is delivered for competition.
    1. **Retention of wine bottles.** Exhibitors wishing to retain wine bottles must make arrangements with department staff at the time the wine is delivered for competition. Exhibitors should write "SAVE" on the back of the entry tag for each bottle they wish to retrieve. Exhibits must be picked up at the competition office located in the Admin Too Building between the Wednesday following Labor Day and the last day of September. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for the following dates/times:
      - a. **closed** Friday, Sept. 6, 2024 after 11 a.m.
      - b. **closed** Monday, Sept. 9, 2024.
  - 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](http://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.*

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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.*