

AMATEUR WINEMAKERS OF CANADA
ANNUAL COMPETITION 2015

ENTRY REGULATIONS

The following Entry Regulations are in accordance with the recommendations contained in the current AWC Handbook, however there are additional requirements indicated herein that supercede the Handbook so that the regulations below take precedence.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of Judging	22 nd and 23 rd August 2015
Place of Judging	Kingstec Campus Nova Scotia Community College, Kentville, Nova Scotia
Vice President in charge of Competition	Brian McKibbin, bmkarch@bellaliant.net Phone 902 542 7143
Chief Steward	Brian McKibbin, bmkarch@bellaliant.net Phone 902 542 7143
Registrar	Ivan Herbert, ivan7841@me.com Phone 902 670 9160
Submit physical entries to	Annapolis Valley Vintners c/o Blomidon Estate Winery, 10318 Hwy 221, Canning, NS B0P 1H0
Entries must be received no later than	24 th July 2015
Entry Fee	\$10.00 per entry

INSTRUCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL ENTRANTS

Individual entrants are requested to submit their entries "on line". The on line entry form can be found at <http://www.valleyvintners.ca/awc-competition-entry-form.html> . Alternatively it can be found at <http://www.valleyvintners.ca> by following the link to "AWC Competition 2015 Entry Form".

After completing the entry form hit the "Submit" button, you will receive a "Thank You" note and further instructions.

It is essential that names be correctly spelled in the format that the entrant requires, as these names will be used on the Certificates. As certificates will be mailed individually to entrants it is essential that the address be current and complete. Full information concerning the nature and origin of each entry is important both for the Chief Steward to verify that the wine is correctly classed and for the judges to know what they are supposed to be tasting. As in previous years entry fees should be submitted to your Provincial Director or his / her designated representative. Any questions concerning completion of the entry form can be directed to Ivan Herbert at ivan7841@me.com [preferred] or by phone at 902 670 9160.

Classes and definitions will be in accordance with the class descriptions, which are posted on both the AWC website and at <http://www.valleyvintners.ca/awc-class-descriptions.html>

All entries must have been judged at the Provincial level first

In accordance with an agreement reached between Provincial Directors for the current year only, the following maximum numbers of entries apply per province.

Ontario	66
British Columbia	64
Alberta	33
Manitoba	26
Nova Scotia	31

The above entries shall be calculated regardless of class. Individual entrants are permitted only one entry per class, and no entry shall be entered in more than one class.

No entry shall be considered complete until all of the following have been completed

- Each bottle shall be completely devoid of any permanent identification marks, labels, or foils
- An entry form must be completed “on line” in respect of each entry.
- Each bottle must bear a label indicating
 - The entrants name
 - The registration number provided in the email confirmation of each entry
 - Class and class number entered
 - Entrants club / guild and province

The label can take the form of a luggage type label however it must be affixed to the bottle in such a way as to prevent its accidental removal, but facilitating easy intentional removal. A better label consists of a small square of paper bearing the required information and attached to the bottle by masking tape. Please do not use any form of permanent tape [duct tape, scotch tape etc.] as these are difficult to remove. The organisers reserve the right to reject any entry that does not conform to the above labelling requirements.

Entries in the still wine class may be in recognisable wine bottles of 375 ml or 750 ml capacity with one bottle per entry. Sparkling wine and sparkling cider must be in heavy wall sparkling wine bottles of 375ml or 750 ml capacity and closed with either a crown cap or sparkling wine cork wired in position with one bottle per entry.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR

There will NOT be a requirement for a spreadsheet to be prepared by each province so it will be the responsibility of the Provincial Director to ensure that individuals invited to submit entries are in compliance with the entry regulations and class descriptions. A single cheque covering all of your Province’s entries should be made payable to “Annapolis Valley Vintners” and mailed to Ivan Herbert, 327 Woodside Road, Canning, NS B0P 1H0. For those familiar with Bank Transfer of funds the entry fee can be emailed to Ivan Herbert ivan7841@me.com.

SHIPPING

In general it is preferred that shipments be consolidated by province rather than shipped by individual entrants. An exception to this requirement may be made in respect of replacement bottles in case of breakage etc.

Shipping method is the decision of the shipper, however past experience has shown that cardboard cartons containing Styrofoam inserts provide the best protection. As these may not be readily available plastic pails such as those used for shipping fresh and frozen juice and concentrates also provide good protection. In such cases the bottles should be carefully protected by bubble wrap. It would be helpful to those receiving the shipments to have the entry class additionally marked on the tape securing the bubble wrap on each bottle.

It is recommended to ship the entries early so that, in the event of breakage, there will be sufficient time to arrange for the replacement of broken bottles. The organisers of the competition undertake to provide suitable storage for shipments received early.