**Winemaking Competitions**

Listed Chronologically

**Greater Kansas City Cellarmasters – January**

<http://www.cellarmasters.org/wine-classic-information/>

Entry $10/bottle

Sponsored prizes in addition to medals

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**Corrado’s Market Amateur Wine Making Competition – January \*\***

<https://www.corradosmarket.com/wine-contest/>

Entry: 2 bottles, $15/entry

New Jersey north of Newark, west of Hackensack

\*\* I have never entered this one because of shipping 2 bottles to New Jersey

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Tennessee Viticultural and Oenological Society Wine Competition – February

<http://www.tnwinemakers.com/tvos-amateur-wine-competition/>

Entry: $20/bottle ($15 members)

Kingsport, TN

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**Bottle Shock Open Home Winemaking Competition – March**

<http://bottleshockopen.com>

Entry: 2 bottles/entry, $26-14/entry (the more you enter the cheaper it is per bottle)

“Professional” judges, Competition in Lodi, California

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**Wine Maker Magazine International Amateur Wine Competition – April**

<https://winemakermag.com/competition>

Entry $25/bottle

Sponsored prizes in addition to medals

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**Indy International Wine Competition – May**

<http://www.indyinternational.org>

Entry: 2 bottles/entry, $40/entry

Last year: 263 entries, Glenn Bardgett was one of the judges in 2019

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**Knob Noster Amateur Wine Competition – May**

<https://business.facebook.com/KnobNosterFair1/>

Entry: $10/bottle

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**Annual Illinois State Fair Amateur Wine Competition – June**

<https://illinoiswine.com/events-page/wine-competition/>

Entry: $20/bottle

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**New Jersey State Fair / AWS Amateur Wine Competition – August**

**Aka “The Garden State Wine Challenge”**

<http://www.njsfcahh.com/wine-making-competition.html>

Entry: 2 bottles/entry, $15-10/entry (plus $10 to ship medals)

Judges are AWS judges

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**American Wine Society (AWS) Amateur Wine Competition – October**

<https://www.awscompetitions.com/>

Entry: 2 bottles/entry, $25/entry (AWS members)

Pennsylvania based, competition sites change

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**Musto Winemaking Competition – November**

<http://www.juicegrape.com/community/wine_competition/>

Entry: $11-9/bottle

Hartford, CT

Long lead time (months) to get results back

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**Los Angeles Cellarmasters Annual US Amateur Winemaking Competition – November**

<http://cellarmastersla.org/us-amateur-wine-competition>

Entry: $20/bottle

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**NOTE:** Not all sites are updated to show their 2020 contests

**If I were to rank them? Depends on the criteria.**

**Prestige/Great Judges**

* Wine Maker Magazine (judgment by peers)
* American Wine Society (AWS)
* New Jersey State Fair
* Indy International
* Bottle Shock Open

**Good for getting a “read” on your wine at reasonable cost**

* Kansas City Cellarmasters (good for wines from Missouri grapes)
* Illinois State Fair (good for wines from Missouri grapes)
* Tennessee Viticultural and Oenological Society
* Musto Winemaking Competition
* Los Angeles Cellarmasters
* Knob Noster

**Easiest contest:** Knob Noster

**Inexpensive:** Kansas City Cellarmasters, Knob Noster, Musto

**Hardest contests:** Wine Maker Magazine & American Wine Society (AWS)

**Most expensive:** Indy International ($40 & requires 2 bottles/entry)

**Shipping:** UPS from $34 for Kansas City to $77 for Lodi, Calif.

**2020 KC Cellarmasters Results: Best in Class – White Vinifera, 2 Gold, 6 Silver, 3 Bronze**

1. White Vinifera Original Source Wine 1c. Viognier 2018 Viognier 80%/Vignoles 20% Gold 17.50 and Best in Class

3. White Hybrid Original Source Wine 3b. Vignoles 2018 Vignoles 80%/Viognier 20% Silver 16.17

3. White Hybrid Original Source Wine 3c. Vidal 2018 Vidal Blanc 100% No Medal 9.33 (ugh)

3. White Hybrid Original Source Wine 3e. Traminette 2018 Traminette #1 (FR) 100% Bronze 14.17

3. White Hybrid Original Source Wine 3e. Traminette 2018 Traminette #2 (HP) 100% Silver 15.67

3. White Hybrid Original Source Wine 3g. White Hybrid Blends 2018 Vignoles 60%/Vidal Blanc 40% Silver 15.33

4. Red Hybrid Original Source Wine 4a. Chambourcin 2017 Chambourcin 80%/Corot Noir 20% Bronze 14.00

4. Red Hybrid Original Source Wine 4d. Other Red Hybrids 2017 Corot Noir#2 80%/ Chambourcin 20% Bronze 14.83

6. Red Native Original Source Wine 6a. Norton/ Cynthiana 2017 Norton #1 80%/ Corot Noir 20% Gold 17.83

6. Red Native Original Source Wine 6a. Norton/ Cynthiana 2017 Norton#2 80%/Chambourcin 20% Silver 16.83

6. Red Native Original Source Wine 6a. Norton/ Cynthiana 2017 Norton #3 (EM2) 100% Silver 15.33

7. Mixed Grape Blend Original Source Wine 7b. White grape/fruit 2018 Semillon 73%/Vidal Blanc 28% Silver 15.83

**TOAST:**

"*Behold the rain which descends from heaven upon our vineyards, and which incorporates itself with the grapes to be changed into wine; a constant proof that God loves us, and loves to see us happy!*"  - Benjamin Franklin

..In a letter written in French to his friend Monsieur L’Abbé Morellet (André Morellet), published in 1818 [http://quoteinvestigator.com/2016/06/24/beer-wine/](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fquoteinvestigator.com%2F2016%2F06%2F24%2Fbeer-wine%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C1cd05bf40f7445c9e50908d7a9c10e69%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637164518937076069&sdata=xC1rPqoAgXI2KZ1kishrQ%2Fy%2BP%2B6sJwSOPwrSmPSK37o%3D&reserved=0)