

2018 PA Sommelier Judgment Day



What can your winery submit?

Wineries have the ability to submit up to 10 wines, only Vinifera and Sparkling wines will be accepted. Wines must be labeled Pennsylvanian according to [TTB standards](#) - at least 75% of the wine must be from Pennsylvania grapes.

What is the cost?

Two bottles of wine are required per entry. PWA members will pay \$35 per entry and non-PWA members will pay \$50 per entry. Please complete the attached entry form and send the entry form along with a check made payable to the PWA to the PWA office, address below.

When is the deadline?

Wineries can submit an entry form and payment to the PWA office from NOW until Tuesday, September 4th. Wines can be sent to the shipping address provided between Monday, August 20th, and Tuesday, September 4th. Wines can only be received on weekdays during regular business hours (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM). FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE is Tuesday, September 4th. No entries will be accepted after this date.

Where do you send your entry form/payment?

Wineries can submit an entry form and payment to the PWA office from NOW until Tuesday, September 4th.

Please send the entry form and the payment to the PWA office. Do NOT send wines to the PWA office.

The office address is as follows:

Pennsylvania Winery Association
411 Walnut Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Where do you send your wines?

Please include or send your tracking number/information to pwa@pennsylvaniawine.com.

Send your wines to the following address, be sure to include "SWELL, LLC" on your shipping Label:

SWELL, LLC
21 South 11th Street, Suite 409
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(717) 234-1844

How is the Sommelier Tasting conducted?

The Sommeliers will be tasting all wines entered at [Talula's Garden](#) in Center City Philadelphia on Monday, September 10th. The Sommelier panel is expected to grow in size for this year's event. The following is a list of Sommeliers who conducted the tasting last year:

- Scott Zoccolillo: Advanced Sommelier
- Chris Marcus: Nectar, Certified Sommelier
- Heather Curtis: Hollywood Casino, Certified Sommelier
- Michele Konopi: Savona, Certified Sommelier
- Jamie Ruben: Davios, Advanced Sommelier
- Dan Rivas, Loews Hotel, Certified Sommelier
- Alexandra Cherniavsky: The Love, Advanced Sommelier
- Jimmy Batolino: Overbook CC, Certified Sommelier

What is expected if my wines are part of the top 10/honorable mentions?

Details about a media event are forthcoming. The top 10 wines, as well as honorable mentions, will be invited to an event with Sommeliers and media. This event will be an intimate gathering where the Best Red, Best White, and Best overall will be revealed.



What was the media coverage from the 2017 event?

The following are links to articles written due to the 2017 Sommelier Judgment Day event:

- [Forbes, 10 American Wines for The Thanksgiving Table](#)
- [Lancaster Online, Mount Joy wine makes Forbes' 10 American wines for Thanksgiving List](#)
- [Lehigh Valley Style, Grape Expectations: The PA Sommelier Judgment Day](#)
- [The Town Dish, PA Winery Association Hosts Sommelier Judgment Day at Nectar to Pick Top 3 Pennsylvania Wines](#)
- [Palate Press, The State of PA Wine](#)
- [How many wineries do you know on the list of PA Sommelier Judgment Day finalists?, PennLive](#)
- [Little-known Pa. winery wines 'best white' award with Albariño, PennLive](#)

