



Dear Wine Producer/ Importer,

**RE: 2016 DENVER INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION**  
(NOTE: URGENT DEADLINES!)

We are writing to cordially invite you to submit your best wines into the 2016 Denver International Wine Competition, which will be held June 4-5, 2016 at the Omni Interlocken Resort, Broomfield, Colorado.

The Denver International Wine Competition is the premier international wine competition in the Rockies. This competition is designed to give added exposure to your wines, just in time for the holiday celebration and gift-giving season.

The competition is organized by Wine Country Network, Inc, the publisher's of Wine Country International<sup>®</sup> magazine, and the producers of the Denver International Wine Festival. Wine Country Network selects a prestigious panel of Colorado based and nationally recognized wine professionals from the on premise restaurant; wine wholesale, hospitality and culinary fields. The goal is to create a well-rounded panel of experts that taste and scores wines with a "double-blind" system, achieving the fairest scoring results possible.

**Partial list of past judges:**

Doug Krenik, MS, European Wine Specialist, Southern Wine & Spirits  
Timothy Baldwin, F&B Director, The Little Nell, Director of Wine, The Broadmoor  
Brandon Tebe, MS  
Randy Caparoso, Journalist & Wine Consultant, Formerly of Roy's  
Jeff Reebie, Wine Director & Sommelier, Elway's Downtown, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Denver  
Andrew Killham, Sommelier, Denver Country Club  
Albin Madurel, Food & Beverage Consultant  
Sean Razee, MS, Beverage Director, Spago, The Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch  
Shelley Sale, On Premise District Manager, Southern Wine & Spirits, CO  
Natalie Guinovart, Sommelier & President, Wine for Thought, LLC  
Alicia Gonzales, Sommelier, The Cosmopolitan, Telluride, CO

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While the DIWC is affiliated with the **Denver International Wine Festival**, which takes place November 2-4, 2016 in Denver. This competition is open to all wineries worldwide. Medal winning wines will be posted on the competition website within 72 hours of the competition. Posted winners will remain listed for a period of one year, until the next competition takes place. Wine Country Network conducts an aggressive publicity campaign generating valuable media exposure for all winners.

***EXCLUSIVE GOLD MEDAL EVENT FOR ADDED EXPOSURE!***



**Pairsine Chefs Fine Food & Wine Pairing Competition**

Thursday November 4, 2016, 6 to 9pm at the new Westin Hotel, Denver International Airport, Denver.

Only 2016 **Gold** medal-winning wineries will be invited to participate in this special "live" chef's food & wine food pairing competition, featuring 10 of Colorado's most celebrated chefs, competing to win awards for their best custom paired dishes. Our 2006 & 2007 "Best Chef" was Hosea Rosenberg, winner of Bravo's Top Chef, Season 5 Television Show.

Pairsine is a favorite highlight of The Denver International Wine Festival. Live and silent auctions will also be held, with 100% of their proceeds benefiting There With Care. The evening will be limited to 400 guests. If your wine wins a Gold Medal, we will request that you donate 2 cases/24 bottles for this event.

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### **EXCITING NEW FEATURES:**

- Awards for "Best of Show" wines based on the highest overall scores. Judges will award "Best of Show Overall", "Best of Show White Wine" and "Best of Show Red Wine" with a Double Gold Medal.
- Expanded Organic & Boxed wine categories!
- Popular wine categories will be divided into different price categories, resulting in a fairer competition, yielding more medal winning wines!
- Wine Label Design Competition- judged by a prestigious panel of art directors and wine industry professionals.

### **2016 RULES AND LIMITATIONS:**

All wineries and importers with current or desired distribution in the State of Colorado are eligible. International wineries are responsible for all importing costs, duties & shipping required to deliver their wines to our facility.

Only 750 ML wine bottles priced at \$8.00 or over will be accepted. Other specialty sizes will be accepted at the discretion of the competition chairman.

The competition categories listed on the accompanying sheets are subject to change. The competition chairman reserves the right to add or remove categories as required (i.e. larger or smaller than anticipated submission quantities).

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**POPULAR WINES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE (3-4) RETAIL PRICE CATEGORIES:**

\$8.00 to \$15.00 (consumer) and \$15.01 to \$24.99 (premium), \$25 to \$49.99 (ultra-premium) and over \$50 (luxury). The competition chairman reserves the right to combine price categories or other suitable categories if the number of entries in certain categories is insufficient.

Entrants must also submit a list along with their wines and the attached registration form which details the following information: full name and vintage, grape variety, name of supplier, current retail price, alcohol and sugar content.

To enter wines in a varietal/varietal blend category, the grape variety/varieties must be specified on the label or on a product information sheet accompanying the entries. All varietals must contain at least 75% of the varietal, or they must be entered in a blend category.

**2016 Entry Fees:**

An entry fee is required for each entry submitted. Entry forms must be scanned and emailed to [info@winecountrynetwork.com](mailto:info@winecountrynetwork.com) prior to shipping.

Offline Entry fee price is based on your quantity of submissions:

Qty	Wine Competition	Fee
1	Wine Submission	\$80
2	Wine Submissions	\$75 ea.
3	(or more) Wine Submissions	\$70 ea.

Online entries made via the Enofile Online Wine Competition System will qualify for our 3 plus fee, regardless of submission quantity. Visit [DENVERWINECOMP.COM](http://DENVERWINECOMP.COM) for online/paperless wine submissions.

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### **Bottles/Wine Required:**

General requirement: (4) 750 ML Bottles  
Ice & Desert Wines only: (6) 375 ML Bottles  
Boxed Wines only: (2) 3-Liter Minimum

### **Entry Forms:**

We encourage entrants to send in their forms beginning March 1, 2016. Please email your forms to [info@winecountrynetwork.com](mailto:info@winecountrynetwork.com) or Fax in your forms in advance of shipping your wines to 303 648-4199.

### **Revised! Wine Shipment Schedule:**

Please ship your wines, with a copy of your entry form to arrive at our location between: March 1, 2016 to May 31, 2016

*Please note: All wines are stored in a temperature-controlled cellar.*

### **Wine Delivery Address:**

Attn: Tyler Augustine-DIWC  
Wine Country Network, Inc  
2356 Dogwood Drive  
Erie, CO 80515  
Tel. 303 664-5700

**\*LATE "DROP DEAD" DELIVERY DEADLINE:** Thursday June 2, 2016

\*Requires \$100 late fee!

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### **ENTRY FEE PAYMENTS:**

- Should be paid at the time of submitting your entry form.
- Payment must be received promptly, before the competition deadline.
- Please reference the wine brands that your fee is being paid for!  
(If your company check is from Acme Wines, but the wines are called "Big Bad Red" we need to have a reference)
- Checks should be made to "**Wine Country Network, Inc**"
- Credit cards (American Express, Visa and MasterCard) are also accepted.

### **Credit Card Payments:**

A separate credit card authorization form must be filled out and signed. Credit cards are processed by Wine Country Network, Inc.

### **Check Payments:**

Please make all checks payable to: **Wine Country Network, Inc.**  
Check, registration form, product list and products must be delivered all together to:

Tyler Augustine  
Wine Country Network, Inc.  
2356 Dogwood Drive  
Erie, CO 80516  
Tel: (303) 654-5700  
Email: [info@winecountrynetwork.com](mailto:info@winecountrynetwork.com)

Products delivered after the late delivery deadline of June 2, 2016 will not be included or returned.

### **Important!**

No entry will be accepted over the phone. All entry fees must be received before the competition begins. Payments must be received no later than May 31, 2016. Payments not received by this deadline, will cause disqualification. Wines will not be returned.

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Please make sure to include your suggested retail price on the entry forms. Wines will be tasted in price groups.

**Shipping Requirements:**

- Use UPS or Fed Ex only.
- Hand delivery may be arranged by appointment. Call 303 664-5700
- Do not use the US Post Office
- Do not ship international shipments directly to us. All overseas shipment must be cleared first by your importer. After customs clearance, your importer can ship to us via UPS or Fed Ex.
- Do not ship wine to our PO Box. Ship only to the street address found in the entry form.
- Use approved wine shipping boxes or strong boxes with thoroughly bubble-wrapped bottles.
- Do Not Use Styrofoam Peanuts as they are made in the same factory as Twinkies (and last for centuries!) Bad, Bad, Bad!
- If you must use peanuts, please respect your world and invest in environmentally safe alternatives to Styrofoam.
- Abusers are subject to having their cars filled with Styrofoam peanuts!

We look forward to receiving your wine submissions. Thank you for your support! Good luck!

Cordially,

Christopher J. Davies  
Co-Chair

Darcy R. Davies  
Co-Chair

PS: Please visit the official competition website: [www.denverwinecomp.com](http://www.denverwinecomp.com)

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