



# The New Zealand International Wine Show 2026

## Conditions of Entry

### Judging

Wines will be judged on a 100-point basis	Double Gold Medal	98** points
	Gold Medal *	95 - 97 points
	Silver Medal	90 - 94 points
	Bronze Medal	85 - 89 points

### Recall Judging

All wines awarded 94 points or above by the respective senior judging panel will be rejudged, using new samples, before a final medal score is confirmed. No wine will be awarded a Gold Medal without a second and comprehensive assessment using the recall system. The Chief Judging Team will also assess all recalled wines.

\*\* A Double Gold Medal will be awarded in the recall assessment when a wine receives a unanimous gold medal rating from the Chief Judging Team and the respective senior judging panel.

### Entry Requirements & Costs

Wines from any country, supplier, producer or agent can be entered. Only wines made from grapes can be entered.

The Entry fee per wine is **NZ\$99 including GST**.

Payment can be made by direct credit to account **03 0275 0417120 02** at Westpac, Takapuna, Auckland,  
**Swift Code: wpacnz2w.**

International entries can pay by direct credit or by using the credit cards Visa, MasterCard or American Express. Credit card is the preferred payment method for international entries.

**Note:** Direct credit payments must include reference to the winery making the deposit.

- There will be no refunds of entry fees for withdrawals made within 7 days of the commencement of judging
- There will be no refunds of entry fees for wines that do not arrive in time for judging

### Promotional Fees

These promotional fees are **only applicable to wines that win gold medals & double gold medals** and are automatically included in **The Champions List - \$NZ250 plus GST per wine.**

The promotional fee, **applicable only to Trophy winning wines** is **\$NZ595 plus GST per wine.**

**All entrants with wines included in the Champions List are required to provide free of charge for use at the Awards Function, The Champions List Tasting and for promotional purposes the following:**

**6 bottles of each gold medal / double gold medal winning wine**

**Note:** Entering a wine for judging in the New Zealand International Wine Show will be accepted as automatic acceptance of the promotional fees and conditions applicable to the show. Only Trophy winners, gold medal and double gold medal wines are subject to these fees.

## Samples & Volumes required for judging are:

4 x 750mL for Table wines

6 x 375mL for Table wines

4 x 750mL for Sparkling wines

3 x 750/700mL for Fortified wines

1 x 2L, 3L or 4 Litre for a Cask

- All wines entered become the property of the NZ International Wine Show

**Samples** are to be sent to the address below before **Friday 11 September 2026**

NZ International Wine Show  
22 Northcroft Street  
Takapuna  
Auckland 0622  
New Zealand

**Please clearly mark cartons with  
NZ International Wine Show  
Wine Judging Samples**

For **Overseas Companies** sending wine, please mark cartons clearly with "Wine Judging Samples". The sender is responsible for any import charges or customs fees.

1. No **unfinished tank or barrel sample** can be entered and the wine supplied for judging must conform in both quality and style to that made available for sale in the general marketplace.  
**Quality audits may be made by a Chief Judge, whose decision will be final.**
2. Wines can be entered **without finished labels** provided the wine can be supplied with full legal retail presentation by the time of the Awards Event.
3. The use or promotion of any award, medal or trophy can only be used in association with the label of the wine as entered into the competition, e.g. the award cannot be used to promote a wine bottled under a different label irrespective of it being the identical product.
4. Entrants will not be supplied with their judging results until entry fees have been paid in full.

The medal results are embargoed until 28 September 2026. Entrants may not use or promote the medal results in any way until then.

The Trophies will be announced at the Awards Event – Friday 16 October. All entrants are required to abide by the restrictions on the use or publication of the results and failure to comply with these rules may result in the cancellation of medals and awards.

### **Note: Entrants will not be sent judging class labels.**

These will be applied at the competition venue by the organisers.

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**Final day for receipt of samples is Friday 11 September 2026**