

## PRESS RELEASE



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### Alameda County Fair Announces Top Winners for 2016 Fair Commercial & Amateur Wine Competitions

Pleasanton, Calif. – Alameda County Fair hosts three popular commercial wine competitions, as well as an amateur division, each year prior to Fair season. From the hundreds of entries received, the following are the top medal winners for each of this year's competitions:

#### 2016 Alameda County Wine Competition

This competition is open exclusively to commercially bonded wineries located within Alameda County. A total of 170 medals were awarded from 228 entries, 25 of them Gold. Top honors were given to the following wines:

Best of Show White: The Wine Group, 2015 Big House Pinot Grigio, California

Best of Show Red: Crooked Vine Winery, 2013 Crooked Vine Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley

#### 2016 Sauvignon Summit:

Best of Show Sauvignon: Brutocao Cellars, 2015 Bliss Family Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, Mendocino

#### 2016 Zin Challenge:

Best of Show Zinfandel: LCF Wines, 2013 Caricature Old Vine Zinfandel, Lodi

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## Amateur Wine Competition

The Amateur Winemaking contest is open to California residents age 21 and over. Congratulations to this year's winners:

- Best of Show Red: 2011 Cotes du Alamo (Red Blend), Linda Harrell, Alamo
- Best of Show White: 2015 Dry White Rhone Blend, Tom McFadden, Manteca
- Best of Show Dessert: 2013 Port, Mike Johnston, Galt

For a complete list of wines and winners, visit:

<http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com/compete/alameda-county-wine-competition>

<http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com/compete/sauvingon-summit-zin-challenge>

All Gold Medal wines from the 2016 competitions will be available for purchase by the glass at the Wine Garden every day of the Fair. For more information visit [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com).

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## 2016 Alameda County Fair Information

**Dates:** June 15 – July 4 (Open Tuesday – Sunday, plus Monday, July 4th)

**Hours:** 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. daily

**Carnival Hours:** Tues -Thurs, 12 p.m. to closing, Fri-Sun, 11 a.m. to closing

**Horse Racing:** June 16 - 19, June 23 --26, and July 1 - 4

**Big O Tires FREE Concerts:** 8 p.m. – 9:15 p.m., nightly. Special effects fireworks show with video celebrating local youth immediately following concerts.

**Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>:** Blues Festival, 1-9 p.m., Fireworks Spectacular featuring Oakland Symphony, 9:30 p.m., Budweiser Grandstand.

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**Gate Admission\*:**

- Adults (13-61) -- \$12
- Seniors (62+) -- \$10
- Kids (6-12) -- \$10
- Children under 6 – FREE
- Carnival Wristbands - \$30 / Tues-Thurs, \$35 / Fri-Sun

\*Purchase in advance (before June 14) and save up to 33%

**Special Pre-Fair Pricing (until 6/14/15):**

- Adults (13-61) --\$10
- Seniors (62+) --\$8
- Kids (6-12) --\$8
- Carnival Wristbands --\$25
- Season Pass (admission for all 18 days) - \$36
- Fun Pack (4 general admission tickets and 1 parking pass) - \$40

**Special Days (ALL SPECIAL PRICING ENDS AT 5 P.M.):**

- Military Appreciation, FREE Fair admission with valid Military ID – ALL DAY, EVERYDAY
- Opening Day: June 15 -- \$1 Admission & \$1 Rides, UNTIL 5 P.M.
- Sunday, June 19 – Dads get FREE admission until 12 P.M. NOON
- \$2 Tuesdays: June 21 & 28 -- Enjoy \$2 admission and \$2 samples of select Fair treats, UNTIL 5 P.M.
- Seniors FREE Thursdays (62+) – June 16, June 23, & June 30, UNTIL 5 P.M.
- Kids FREE Fridays (12 and under) – June 17, June 24, & July 1, UNTIL 5 P.M.
- Feed the Need Food Drive & \$1 Rides, benefitting Alameda County Food Bank. (Bring 4 non-perishable food items and receive FREE admission) – June 22, UNTIL 5
- Drop Zone Drive & \$1 Rides: June 29 (Support our troops: Bring 2 items from donation list and receive FREE admission) – UNTIL 5 P.M.

**Big O Tires Presents – 2016 Concert Series**

6/15 – Cinderella's Tom Kiefer

6/16 – Tony! Toni! Tone!

6/17 – Queen Nation

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Big O Tires Presents --

6/18 – Con Funk Shun

6/19 – Eric Burdon & The Animals

6/21 – Paperback Writer – The Beatles Experience

6/22 – Joe Nichols

6/23 – Tower of Power

6/24 – Great White

6/25 – Smash Mouth

6/26 – LeAnn Rimes

6/28 – Journey Revisted

6/29 – BJ Thomas

6/30 – Kool & The Gang

7/1 – Expose

7/2 – The Guess Who

7/3 – Crystal Gayle

7/4 – Red, White & Blues Festival (1 p.m. – 9 p.m.)

The Alameda County Fair is operated by the non-profit Fair Association without any tax funding from the government. It is ranked one of the Top 50 North American Fairs and the 7<sup>th</sup> largest Fair in California. The Fairgrounds is home to the Oldest One-Mile Race Track in America.

