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And the Winners are...  
Alameda County Fair Announces Best of 2017  
Commercial & Amateur Wine Competitions

Pleasanton, Calif. – Alameda County Fair recently hosted its popular annual commercial and amateur wine competitions. From the 293 commercial entries received, the following are the top medal winners for each of this year's competitions:

Best of Show Red: Las Positas Vineyards, Tempranillo 2014

Best of Show White: The Wine Group, Concannon Reserve Chardonnay 2015

Best of Show Dessert: Chouinard Vineyard, Orange Muscat 2014

Best of Show Sauvignon Blanc: Melrose Vineyards, Sauvignon Blanc 2015

Best of Show Zinfandel: Frank Family Vineyards, Reserve Zinfandel 2014

Best of Show Zin Dessert: Bent Creek Winery, Zinfandel Port 2012

The Amateur Winemaking contest is open to California residents age 21 and over. Congratulations to this year's top winners from 78 entries received:

- Best of Show Red: Shakespeare Estates of Livermore
- Best of Show White: Toloti of Fremont
- Best of Show Dessert: Fred Watkins of Hayward

For a complete list of wines and winners, visit:

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

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

All Gold Medal wines from the 2017 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).

## 2017 Alameda County Fair Information

**Dates:** June 16-July 9 (Closed June 19, 20, 26, 27)

**Hours:** 11AM-11PM daily

**Carnival Hours:** Wed-Thurs 12PM to closing, Fri-Sun 11AM to closing, July 3 & 4 11AM to closing

**Horse Racing:** June 22-25, June 29-July 2, July 4 & July 7-9

**Big O Tires FREE Concerts:** 8PM-9:15PM nightly. Fireworks show immediately following at Concert Lawn.

**Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>:** Blues Festival, 1-9PM, Fireworks Spectacular featuring Oakland East Bay Symphony, 9:30PM at Budweiser Grandstand

### **Gate Admission\*:**

- Adults (13-61) -- \$15
- Seniors (62+) -- \$10
- Kids (6-12) -- \$10
- Children under 6 -- FREE
- Carnival wristbands -- Wed-Thurs \$30, Fri-Sun and July 3 & 4, \$35

\*Purchase in advance (before June 15) and save up to 33%

### **Special Pre-Fair Pricing (until 6/15/17):**

- Adults (13-61) -- \$12
- Seniors (62+) -- \$8
- Kids (6-12) -- \$8
- Unlimited Carnival Wristbands -- \$25
- Season Pass (admission for all 20 days) -- \$40
- Fun Pack (4 general admission tickets and 1 parking pass) -- \$50

### **Special Days (ALL SPECIAL PRICING ENDS AT 5PM):**

- Military Appreciation — One FREE Fair admission with valid Military ID, ALL DAY, EVERYDAY
- Opening Day: June 16 – Kids FREE Friday, UNTIL 5PM
- \$2 Taste of the Fair: June 22 & 29, July 6 — \$2 samples of select Fair treats, UNTIL 5PM
- Seniors FREE Thursdays (62+): June 22 & 29, July 6, UNTIL 5PM
- Kids FREE Fridays (12 and under): June 16, 23, 30 & July 7, UNTIL 5PM

### Special Days -- Continued:

- Clothing Drive for Foster Kids presented by Mattress Firm: June 21, UNTIL 5PM — Bring a brand new clothing item and receive FREE admission & \$1 rides
- Feed the Need Food Drive benefitting Alameda County Community Food Bank: June 28, UNTIL 5PM — Bring 4 non-perishable food items and receive FREE admission & \$1 rides)
- First Responders Day: July 4<sup>th</sup> – Free admission until 5PM, check website for details
- July 5 - \$1 Admission & \$1 Rides until 5PM

### **2017 Big O Tires Concert Series:**

6/16 – Sugar Ray

6/17 – Con Funk Shun

6/18 – Plain White T's

6/21 – Jana Kramer

6/22 – Tower of Power

6/23 – John Michael Montgomery

6/24 – Asia

6/25 – Rose Royce

6/28 – Clint Black

6/29 – Ann Wilson of Heart

6/30 – Super Diamond (Neil Diamond tribute)

7/1 – Sheila E

7/2 – America

7/3 – Queen Nation (Queen tribute)

7/4 – Red, White & Blues Festival

7/5 – Wynonna & the Big Noise

7/6 – Journey Revisited (Journey tribute)

7/7 – Foreverland (Michael Jackson tribute)

7/8 – Jody Watley featuring Shalamar Reloaded

7/9 – Night Ranger

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.