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## NATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2019 – T&C's

### 2019 TIMETABLE:

14 January 2019	Early Bird entries open
11 February 2019	Standard entries open
4 April 2019	Deadline for submissions – entries close
8, 9 & 10 April	Delivery of tasting bottle samples
15 April 2019	Judging of Challenge entries starts
9 May 2019	Awards celebratory event

#### 1. ENTRY ADMINISTRATION:

- 1.1 The simple digital entry system is now open. A helpline is available.
- 1.2 The wine Delivery Label should be printed online and affixed to each wine box.
- 1.3 Six bottles of 750ml capacity must be submitted with each entry. Smaller bottle sizes will be accepted for dessert wines and fortified wines. Magnums may also be entered.
- 1.4 Wine samples may be delivered between **9h30am and 15h30** only on either **8, 9 or 10 April to Buybetterwine.com office: 19 Peppertree Rd Vredehoek.**
- 1.5 Wine may only be entered by the producer responsible for the brand.

#### 2. ENTRY FEES

- 2.1 The '**Early Bird**' entry fee is R1 150 (R1 322.50 incl. VAT) per wine. Completed & paid by 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019.
- 2.2 '**Standard**' entry fee is R1 295 (R 1489.25 incl. VAT) per wine. Completed & paid by 4 April 2019.
- 2.3 '**Late**' payment of fees post 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (7 days from final payment date being 4 April 2019), will incur penalty interest charged at 2% per month.
- 2.4 Payment should be made via EFT . Please use your vineyard name as reference.

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- 2.5 Proof of payment should be emailed to [accounts@buybetterwine.com](mailto:accounts@buybetterwine.com)
- 2.6 Entry fees are non-refundable



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### 3. WINE SAMPLES

- 3.1 Wine entered must be made in accordance with wine production regulations in South Africa.
- 3.2 Samples submitted must be identified by the appropriate WSR2A certificate(s) confirmed issued.
- 3.3 Samples must have received full or provisional certification by the Wine and Spirit Board.
- 3.4 Entry samples should be labelled with final labels, or alternatively clearly identifiable with sample labels containing the name of the cellar / producer, vintage and cultivar/s of the wine.

### 4. WINE JUDGING (refer to Judging Protocol on website for full details)

- 4.1 Judging of the wines will take place during the week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019.
- 4.2 Wines will be tasted blind and in certain instances may be tasted up to four times.
- 4.3 Judges will work in panels of three experts. Judges include a mix of respected MW's, international experts, CWM's and winemakers.
- 4.4 Where discrepancies occur, the panel (firstly) and the Chairman (secondly, who has a casting vote) will attempt to reach a consensus score.
- 4.5 The panel will record its comments and scores which will result in higher-scoring wines winning one of: Grand Cru 1<sup>st</sup> prize, Double Platinum, Double Gold or Double Silver. Further awards will be announced.
- 4.6 The 100 top scoring wines (Double Platinum) will also be awarded certification as a **'Top 100 SA Wine'**.
- 4.7 If cork or other defects are found in more than two samples it will be disqualified.
- 4.8 The organisers can disqualify any entry that in their opinion does not comply with regulations.

### 5. WINNERS OBLIGATIONS AND FEES

- 5.1 All winners will supply a 1 X 6-bottle case (6 bottles only) of each winning wine for the organisers use. Vineyards will be invoiced at RRP for any wines not delivered by the due date being 31 May 2019.
- 5.2 These wines are used for a variety of promotional exercises, primarily sent as samples for international press and commentators use and review, but also local commentator and press samples, local tastings and events, and for museum category later use.
- 5.3 Winning vineyards give Buy Better Wines permission to represent their wines at promotional events.
- 5.4 Winning wines fee for APP inclusion & related marketing & PR costs: If the entered wine is selected as a winning Top 100 SA wine, a sum of R3 250 (R3 737.50 incl. VAT) per winning wine will be payable by 31 May 2019. This sum partly covers costs of APP inclusion (R200k+), gift pack with free bottle stickers, website inclusion, as well as PR, launch and related SA promotion and activity. Late payment of fees post 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (7 days from final payment date being 31 May 2019), will incur penalty interest charged at 2% per month.

### 6. USE OF LOGO

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