

## WINEGB AWARDS 2026 FAQs

### Who can enter the WineGB Wine Awards?

The wine competition is open to WineGB Producer and Grower Members in England, Wales and Scotland. The

### Do I need to be a WineGB member?

Yes, you must be a WineGB member at time of entry and at the time of the award ceremony on 16 July 2026. Not a member? Join [here](#).

### When is the entry deadline?

Entries and wine samples must be submitted by **6<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.

### How do I enter?

1. Complete Part 1 of the entry form.
2. Follow the email link you receive to complete Part 2 for each wine entered.
3. Pack and send samples for judging

### How many bottles do I need to submit?

You must send **four bottles** of each wine entered.

### Where should wine samples be delivered?

Wine samples should be clearly labelled **FAO WineGB Awards 2026** and sent to **Sensible Wine Services, Unit 10, Dana Trading Estate, Transfesa Road, Paddock Wood TN12 6UT**.

### Who pays for shipping the wines?

Entrants are responsible for **all shipping costs and insurance** when sending wines to the competition.

### Our Courier needs a contact name and number before we can arrange delivery – who should that be?

Chris Porter – Tel: 07917 352180

### What wines are eligible?

Wines must be:

- Produced entirely from grapes grown in England, Wales or Scotland
- Commercially bottled and available for sale (tank or barrel samples are not accepted)
- Produced in accordance with UK and EU legislation

### Can I enter more than one wine?

Yes. Multiple wines may be entered, but each must be submitted separately with its own entry fee.

**How are the wines judged?**

All wines are judged blind by an expert tasting panel.

**How does the point system work?**

Wines are awarded points against a set of strict criteria. Wines achieving 85-89 points will be awarded a Bronze medal; 90-94 points a Silver medal and 95 to 100 a Gold medal. Trophies will be presented to the highest-scoring Gold medal winners in each class.

**How young should a producer be to be eligible for the Newcomer Award?**

Their first commercial wine will have been released in January 2024 or later.

**How does a wine qualify for the Sustainable Wine Award?**

This award is presented to the highest-scoring Gold medal-winning wine produced by a winery certified under the Sustainable Wines of Great Britain scheme.

**Can I withdraw an entry?**

Yes. Entries can be withdrawn by emailing the Competition Manager.

Refunds are only available if the cancellation is made **before 6 May 2026**

**Will I receive feedback on my wine?**

Anonymous tasting feedback can be provided, if requested. Judges' decisions are final.

**I won a trophy – can I keep it?**

The heritage trophies given on the night are for photography purposes only and will be retained by WineGB after the ceremony – companies can request use at the National Trade and Media Tasting. All winners will receive a certificate and an additional trophy that they can take away and display at their vineyard/winery.

**What are the wine classes?****Still**

Single Varietal: Chardonnay

Single Varietal: Pinot Noir

Other White

Other Red

Rosé

Orange Wine

Sweet or Demi-sec

**Sparkling Traditional**

Aged Vintage Sparkling

Prestige Cuvée

Classic Cuvée

Blanc de Blancs

Blanc de Noirs

Rosé

Sparkling Blend

**Sparkling Other Method**

Ancestrale

Carbonation

Charmat

Col Fondo

Pet Nat

## **LABELLING AWARDS**

### **Who can enter the Labelling Awards?**

The competition is open to WineGB members in England, Wales and Scotland.

### **Do I need to be a WineGB member?**

Yes, you must be a WineGB member at time of entry and at the time of the award ceremony on 16 July 2026. Not a member? Join [here](#).

### **What do I need to submit?**

- A PDF of the front and back label
- A bottle shot image
- A short, written explanation of the design concept (up to 500 words).

### **Does the wine have to be entered in the WineGB Wine Awards?**

No. The Labelling Awards can be entered independently of the wine competition.

### **How are labels judged?**

Entries are reviewed by a panel of independent judges who assess design, originality, clarity and how effectively the label communicates the wine's story and brand.

### **Will I receive feedback?**

This is naturally a qualitative assessment of which the judges' decision is final. Commentary will not be provided.

## **CELLAR DOOR AWARDS**

### **Who can enter the Cellar Door Awards?**

WineGB member vineyards and wineries in England, Wales and Scotland offering a visitor or cellar door experience.

### **Do I need to be a WineGB member?**

Yes, you must be a WineGB member at time of entry and at the time of the award ceremony on 16 July 2026. Not a member? Join [here](#).

### **What categories are available?**

- Cellar Door – below 9,999 visitors per year
- Cellar Door – more than 10,000 visitors per year

### **What do I need to submit?**

- A video (up to 120 seconds) showcasing the visitor experience – please note it is the substance, not style of the video that is being assessed
- A written presentation (up to 750 words)
- Up to 10 supporting images
- Up to 3 visitor testimonials

### **What are the judges looking for?**

- Quality of the visitor experience
- Creativity and storytelling

- Customer engagement and hospitality
- How well the experience promotes English and Welsh wine tourism

**Will I receive feedback?**

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