



2023 TEXAS
VINTNERS
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Uncork Texas Wines is pleased to announce the 2023 Texas Vintners Cup competition, the only Texas wine evaluation of its kind with the goal of selecting twelve of the “Best in Texas” bottles of Texas wine.

With *Texas Monthly Studio* as our partner, and prominent Texas wine writer and sommelier Jessica Dupuy as one of three judges, the Texas Vintners Cup competition will determine the ultimate case of Texas wine. Twelve individual bottles of Texas wines will complete a single case, reflecting the very best our state offers.

Jessica Dupuy covers wine, spirits, and travel from Austin. She holds a Diploma with the Wine and Spirit Education Trust, is a Certified Sommelier through the Court of Master Sommeliers, and is a Certified Specialist of Wine and Spirits through the Society of Wine Educators. Mrs. Dupuy’s work has appeared in *Food & Wine*, *Wine Enthusiast*, *Imbibe*, *Texas Monthly*, *Forbes*, *SevenFifty Daily*, *GuildSomm*, *VinePair*, and *Southern Living*. She recently published *The Wines of Southwest USA* in addition to six regional cookbooks. She also co-hosts a podcast, *Another Bottle Down*.

In addition to Mrs. Dupuy, additional judges will be Master Sommeliers Jack Mason and Craig Collins. A resident of Houston, Mr. Mason is the Texas to state portfolio manager at Republic National Distributing Company (RNDC). He previously managed the beverage programs at Pappas Bros. Steakhouse as well as Marta in New York City. He has been featured in *Forbes*’ annual “30 Under 30” list of outstanding young professionals. Mr. Collins became enamored with wine while working at a Texas winery as an undergrad, an interest that led him to study abroad in Italy during his senior year at Texas A&M. He spent the next 20 years immersed in the beverage industry, from wineries to distribution and importing to restaurants. In 2011, Collins passed the esteemed Master Sommelier Exam. Based in Austin, Collins now represents some of the world’s most pedigreed wines as the Sales Manager at VINTUS, one of the premiere import companies in the country, and frequently participates as a speaker and judge at wine and food festivals across the country.

Each entry will be tasted in a blind format, with each bottle wrapped to hide the labels and poured by volunteers. Each wine will be evaluated based on standard tasting criteria with five possible points per category of aroma, palate, structure, balance, and finish for a possible total score of 25.

The winning Texas vintners and their wines will be profiled in a special section in *Texas Monthly*’s October 2023 issue, as we celebrate Texas Wine Month, highlighting the many exciting changes to our industry and to Texas wine.

Texas Monthly readers will have the opportunity to enter a sweepstakes with winners receiving prizes, including a Texas wine weekend!

ENTRY DETAILS

The 2023 Texas Vintners Cup will only evaluate wines with a Texas Appellation or with a designated American Viticultural Area (AVA). These wines must contain a minimum of 75 percent Texas-grown grapes. Wines submitted without the Texas Appellation or an official AVA designation will not be evaluated.

The evaluation will include **Red**, **White**, and **Rosé** wines.

Please limit your submission to a **total of four (4) wine selections**. You may, of course, submit fewer wines based on your preference.

In the event of a faulted bottle of wine, we ask that you include two bottle samples per wine selection.

We welcome and encourage wines that are available to the general public as well as club and special-release wines. The goal of this project is to show some of the best wines in Texas.

All submissions must be received at the address below no later than **Friday, July 1, 2023**.

Please email labels, technical sheets/ winemaker’s tasting notes, and/or bottle shots for the wines you submit in **.pdf** or **.jpg** format to jessica@jessicadupuy.com.

If you have any questions about submitting wines, please feel free to contact Jessica Dupuy at the email address above.

Wine Shipment Address:

(Wines may also be hand-delivered to this address if more convenient. Please notify Mrs. Dupuy by email in advance.)

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The 2023 Texas Vintners Cup
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Note: Please consider shipping wines using an ice pack to ensure safety during the warmer months.

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