

Uncork Texas Wines is pleased to announce the 2024 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 four 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.

Based in Austin, Jessica Dupuy specializes in wine, spirits, and travel journalism. With credentials from the Wine and Spirit Education Trust, the Court of Master Sommeliers, and the Society of Wine Educators, her expertise is widely recognized. Dupuy contributes to prestigious publications including Food & Wine, Wine Enthusiast, Imbibe, and Texas Monthly, and has authored The Wines of Southwest USA and six cookbooks. She co-hosts the podcast "Another Bottle Down."

Joining Mrs. Dupuy as judges are Master Sommeliers Jack Mason, Craig Collins, and Devon Broglie. Jack Mason, hailing from Houston, manages the Texas state portfolio for Republic National Distributing Company and has been recognized in *Forbes*' annual "30 Under 30" list of outstanding young professionals. Craig Collins, based in Austin, transitioned from a fascination with wine in his undergrad days to a celebrated career in the wine industry, now serving as the Sales Manager at VINTUS. Devon Broglie achieved his Master Sommelier status in 2011, with a rich background in hospitality that started at Duke University. His journey took him from working in a restaurant to a pivotal experience in Spain's Priorat region, culminating in his current role as the Global Beverage Buyer at Whole Foods Market in Austin. Together, these esteemed sommeliers bring a wealth of knowledge and passion to the judging panel.

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 2024 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!



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