



Dunne on wine: State Fair judging improves

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“The State Fair’s wine judges bestow many awards other than the customary gold, silver and bronze medals. For example, **the four best-of-show wines**, which won’t be revealed until the fair’s Grape & Gourmet gala July 13 at Cal Expo, are chosen from a field of wines considered the best in a series of regions.

“...The State Fair long has divided California into 11 grape-growing and winemaking regions. Wines from each region that have won a gold or double-gold medal go up against each other in what basically is a second competition to choose the best white and the best red from each area. **(And it really is a competition within a competition ...this year’s four best-of-show wines were chosen from among 24 regional [and sub regional] winners.”**

Among the wines in this list is a Suisun Valley wine:

Ledgewood Creek Winery 2004 Suisun Valley Chardonnay (\$13)

Which has won the following:

“Best of Region” for the North Coast

“Best of Class” in Chardonnay

Gold Medal for the wine’s varietal performance