Grapevine Pruning

Virtual Format for 2020-2021 ONLY

Contestants will create videos showing them pruning the two classes of vines in addition to a written examination.

Contestants

The team shall consist of three or four members. The scores of the three highest team members shall be used for the team score. All team members are eligible for individual awards.

Classes

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| **Class** | **Individual Points** | **Team Points** |
| Written Exam | 100 | 300 |
| Pruning Class #1 | 100 | 300 |
| Pruning Class #2 | 100 | 300 |
| Total | 300 | 900 |

Rules

1. Written examination. Prepared from Winkler's Viticulture Text, chapter on pruning, with emphasis on modern, practical California Viticultural practices. The test will include 50 questions. 10 of those questions will focus on the “cane method” of pruning vines. Written exam will be taken while on a “Zoom Call” with contest monitors. Time limit: 45 minutes.
2. Each contestant shall prune three mature (7+ year old vines) grapevines in two different classes. Student will submit a video not to exceed 5 minutes. Included in the video must be three “before” pictures of the vines, up to a 4 minute video with the contestant presenting “reasons,” on the pruning process, and three “after” pictures of the vines. Vines must be displayed in the pictures to capture the entire vine and depth. Please consider using a backdrop, like a white sheet to allow the judge to easily evaluate the vines. Classes will be:
   1. Cordon – wine - Bilateral Cordon Wine
   2. Cordon – wine – Quadrilateral Cordon Wine
3. Judges will score the vines as a class of three giving a score based on overall pruning for all three vines.
4. Each team member must wear protective eye glasses, Z87 standard wear to be provided by the contestant’s school site.
5. A total of 300 points is allowed for the contest (100 points for examination and 100 points for pruning each of the systems listed above).

SEE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR SCORE CARDS.

**Variety: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ System: Spur**

**Contestant Number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Vine Pruning Scorecard**

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| **Grapevines are to be judged as a class and based on ability to prune, thoroughness, and proper techniques.** |  |
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| 1. Position and distribution of renewal and replacement spurs 2. Number of fruit spurs 3. Proper selection of fruit spurs 4. Length of spurs 5. Clean and proper cuts 6. Thoroughness of pruning 7. Explanation of cuts/pruning using proper terminology and reasoning | \_\_\_\_\_/15  \_\_\_\_\_/15  \_\_\_\_\_/15  \_\_\_\_\_/10  \_\_\_\_\_/10  \_\_\_\_\_/5  \_\_\_\_\_/30 |
| 1. **Total Points Awarded** | **\_\_\_\_\_/100** |

Judge’s Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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