



Sail Away Wine's Sommelier Showdown Contest Summary

The Sail Away Wine's Sommelier Showdown is the best wine connoisseurs' competition in Kansas City, bringing together wine enthusiasts from across the KC region to raise money for Hope House, a domestic violence shelter in the Kansas City area, by competing for the title of *Kansas City's Sage of Wine 2025!*

Grand Prize \$1000 • Second Prize \$300

The contest follows Sail Away Wine's philosophy that great wine leads to great fun and great memories. As such, the contest will feature an all-star panel of judges and after-event entertainment. Individuals will compete in a tournament to advance to the championship round with the hope of taking home the grand prize: \$1,000 cash!

Each competitor will partake in a blind wine tasting and have 3 minutes for each wine to provide written answers following wine tasting standards. The winners will advance to the next round, similar to a tournament bracket. Tastings can be performed during normal business hours anytime between the dates for each round, except for the semifinals & final, which must be attended on **March 5, 2025 at 6pm**.

All registration fees, ticket sales, cash donations, and a portion of Sail Away Wine's sales go to benefit Hope House.

Rounds • Dates (*Results for each round will be posted online at www.sailawaywine.com.*)

Round 1 • **January 1-31, 2025 • Normal business hours** • Unlimited contestants • 1 Wine

Round 2 • **February 4-9, 2025 • Normal business hours** • Top 32 contestants • 1 Wine

Round 3 • **February 11-16, 2025 • Normal business hours** • 16 contestants • 2 Wines

Quarterfinals • **February 18-23, 2025 • Normal business hours** • 8 contestants • 2 Wines

Semifinals/Final • **March 5, 2025 • 6:00pm**

The semifinals and final rounds will be conducted live March 1 from 6-8pm with the 4 finalists participating in in-person tastings against their respective opponents • 2 Wines each round • 3 minutes each wine •
Written/Verbal Answers

This is a summary of the contest only. Official Contest Rules, including how to enter the contest, are available online at www.sailawaywine.com or by written request to Sail Away Wine, 309 Armour Road, North Kansas City, Missouri 64116, prior to July 1, 2025.