



Old Boney Mtn *Hot Summer Night* International Hot Sauce Competition

Rules

We are on a quest to find the best tasting hot sauce and BBQ sauce in the world. You could win the title!
It's super easy to enter and you do not have to attend to win.

All entries are mail-in only.

Awards:

One (1) Award - Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night People's Choice World's Best Hot Sauce

One (1) Award - Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night People's Choice Favorite Label

One (1) Award – Old Boney MTN Hot Summer Night People's Choice World's Best BBQ Sauce

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Awards for Best “Mild” Hot Sauce

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Awards for Best “Medium” Hot Sauce

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Awards for Best “Hot” Hot Sauce

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Awards for Best “Extra Hot” Hot Sauce

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Awards for Best “Fruit Based” Hot Sauce

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Awards for Best “BBQ” Sauce

This is unlike many other hot sauce competitions or expos because this is for charity! All entry fees go to awards, event overhead, Rotary Club, Old Boney Mountain and Grossman Burn Foundation benefactors.

Each category entered requires its own entry form.

There is only one fee of \$75.00 per company which allows said company to enter as many of their products as they would like to enter.

Read all the rules, then complete one (1) entry form for each hot sauce category you enter. For each category entered, submit a *signed* entry form with three (3) five (5) ounce bottles or larger, your entry fee, and mail to:

**Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night
501 S. Reino Road, Suite I Box # 387
Newbury Park, CA 91320**

Hot Sauce Vendors at the Event

In order to be a hot sauce or BBQ sauce vendor at the 7-9-20 event in Thousand Oaks, California, you must enter at least one hot sauce or BBQ sauce in the international mail-in competition. To have a booth at the event there are no additional fees other than the mail-in only international hot sauce competition entry fee of \$75.00. Booth and table space is limited and on a first come first served basis. You will be assigned either a 10x10 booth space or 6 ft. table.

All hot sauce tastings and entries of any kind must be manufactured in a professional, inspected food facility. All entrants must be certified professional manufacturers, following all FDA or Home (origin) Country regulations designated for consumer mass production by a certified kitchen, and/or co-packer. **No “home packed” products may be entered.** Labels must meet FDA or Home (origin) Country guidelines.

All entries must be correctly canned and sealed according to standard food and health safety procedures.

Contest management reserves the right to discard and disqualify any entries that are not properly canned or sealed, according to food and health safety procedures or that arrive damaged from shipping.

No Capsicum Extract may be used in any product entered except the “Unique” division.

All entrants must submit three (3) samples for each division entered, which at minimum, equal 5 ounces per bottle. If you do not wish to enter the “best label” competition you may submit two samples.

Product must be shipped along with the **signed entry form**, full payment of fees, and must be received by the **entry deadline date of 6-15-2020** to be considered eligible. Entry forms must be filled out completely. Please do not attempt to phone, fax, or e-mail entry forms. All entries must be carefully packaged. We will not be held responsible for any damage incurred during shipping.

There are NO refunds.

You may enter as many products as you like. Each product must have a separate entry form filled out, signed and fee paid.

All entries in the contest will be judged “as is” and will not be mixed or served with any other products before tasting.

Your product should not require refrigeration prior to opening.

Each product must be properly labeled with ingredients listed along with the name of the product on each entry bottle.

Disqualified entries will not be notified of disqualification. Please be sure to read these rules thoroughly and if any questions please refer them to us before entering.

In addition to your entry, if you would like your product available for purchase at the event, send additional product at your discretion. All proceeds from the sale of your products will go to the event charities as outlined by the event coordinators. Product will not be returned to you. If you would like to be a vendor at the event and serve samples you can apply on-line through our website at www.oldboneymtnhotsummernight.com

Hot Sauce Awards

There will be five (5) divisions of hot sauce: mild, medium, hot, extra hot and fruit based. In addition there will be one (1) award for “People’s Choice Hot Summer Night Best Hot Sauce in the World” and one (1) award for “People’s Choice Hot Summer Night Favorite Label”. There will be one BBQ sauce division and a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award for that division as well as one (1) “People’s Choice Best BBQ Sauce in the World” winner. Winners will be announced after the Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night Festival. Voting for the People’s Choice Hot Sauce Award and the Best Label Award will be voted on by attendees of the Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night event. Judges Choice Awards for the top three (3) hot sauces in each division established by a panel of judges. The BBQ Sauce will be judged entirely at the Hot Summer Night event on 7-9-2020. The top three (3) in each hot sauce division will be entered into the “People’s Choice” competition where there will be one grand champion of the 15 hot sauce finalists. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards mailed to the winners of each division judged within 2 months post event.

Judges Choice Pre-Event Judging Criteria

Judging for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each division (mild, medium, hot, extra hot, fruit based) will take place *prior* to the Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night Festival.

The judging panel can be made up of food industry professionals, including chefs, restaurant owners, culinary instructors, food writers, food manufacturers not entered in the contest, and other industry leaders and professionals. A number of judges may be “Chile Heads” who have served as judges at other food events.

All product sampling will be conducted under the strictest of standards using fair, impartial and blind judging methods.

Products will be judged on the following criteria: taste, texture, use of heat in category and aroma.

Each hot sauce entry is judged in a blind tasting using a numbered bottle to represent each entry. Judges are not allowed to see any indication of the brand, owner, or manufacturer of the product.

Each entry shall be scored on its own merits with a whole number from 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest. No pluses (+), minuses (-), fractions (1/2) or decimals (.5) will be taken into consideration. Each entry must be scored by a minimum of three judges. Score sheets are then tabulated by calculating the total score for each entry and dividing by the number of judging sheets for each product to obtain an overall average score.

The decision of the judges is final and may not be contested.

People’s Choice Hot Sauce World’s Best Hot Sauce, BBQ Sauce and Favorite Label Judging Criteria:

The three (3) winners of each of the five (5) divisions of hot sauce selected by the judges pre-event, will be entered in the *People’s Choice Hot Summer Night Best Hot Sauce in the World Award* category the *People’s Choice Hot Summer Night Best BBQ sauce in the World Award* is a separate category. These will be voted on by attendees of Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night event. There will only be one (1) “World’s Best” Hot Sauce winner and one (1) World’s Best BBQ sauce winner.

The People’s Choice Favorite Label Award will be voted on by attendees of the Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night. All mail in entries will be in competition for this award. The bottles will be kept separate from the blind tasting area.

Each attendee will receive two (2) chips to vote with, one (1) to vote on the hot sauce grand champion and one (1) to vote on their favorite label. Attendees will place the chip in the receptacle numbered the same as their favorite hot sauce and the other in the receptacle with their favorite label. Chips will be tallied at the end of the festival and awards announced post festival. Winners will be mailed their awards no later than two months post festival. At the event coordinators discretion, voting for the “People’s Choice” awards may be conducted through the event app and not by chip tally.

All decisions by the judges and event coordinators are final and may not be contested.

Disclaimer:

Organizers will not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged entries and reserve the right to refuse any product that, in their judgment, may present a health hazard. In any of the categories that are judged visually, all declared winners are final. No containers or leftover products will be returned. All entry fees are nonrefundable.

The contest rules have been established for the best interests of all concerned. In the event of necessity, any rule may be altered at the discretion of Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night. In any event, all interpretation of rules and final decisions will rest with the event coordinators. The decisions of the judges are final, binding, and conclusive in all matters.

By entering your product and/or signing the entry form, you understand these rules and agree to abide by the decisions of the event coordinators.

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Questions? [805.807.2600](tel:805.807.2600)