



CITADELLES DU VIN

RECONNAISSANCE DE L' EXCELLENCE

Press release

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2023

23RD EDITION OF THE CITADELLES DU VIN COMPETITION REGISTRATIONS OPEN

From 11 to 13 March 2023, Bourg-sur-Gironde (near Bordeaux) will host the 23rd edition of the Citadelles du Vin. True to its founding purpose, the event organised by the Concours des Vins (CDV) aims to promote the diversity and quality of the world's wines and spirits.

In awarding the competition's medals and Special Prizes, some **50 international panellists** strive to distinguish excellence, regardless of borders. As every year, these professionals are invited to give their opinion on a set of **1,000 samples** from **thirty or so** countries covering all the wine regions of the world.

This year, the competition is heading to Latin America with **Argentina** as its guest country, notably highlighting the impressive patchwork of winegrowing terroirs in this vast land. During the 2023 edition, a representative of the Sommeliers International magazine and the sommeliers present at the competition will award a **Special Prize** to the Argentinian wine that receives all their votes after a second tasting of the wines that obtained the Grand Gold or Gold medals in the category.

Mendoza vineyard
Photo: Wines of Argentina

A first-class event

Each year, participants compete to foster excellence. In 2023, Citadelles du Vin will continue to be the world's leading wine event, with 75% of the competing wines originating from outside of France.

By their number, quality and diversity of origin, the competing wines and spirits contribute to the competition's international character. This contest offers winegrowers a unique showcase by allowing them to present their work to panellists from around twenty countries during three days of tastings.

A top-level contest

Citadelles du Vin is entirely independent. Sponsored by the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV) and a member of the World Federation of Major International Wine and Spirits Competitions (VinoFed), the competition is distinguished by its rigorous organisation and selection process.

With regards to monitoring samples and tasting conditions, the organisers comply with the requirements of VinoFed and with the rules of the OIV. Made up of experienced tasters, oenologists, sommeliers, buyers, critics and journalists, the juries draw up a list of the most outstanding and recognised wines and spirits.

This year, a Grand Gold Medal is added to the competition's awards list. The winners will receive a Grand Gold, Gold or Silver medal, or even a Special Prize for some of them.

A well-publicised awards list

The competition's winning wines and spirits benefit fully from the Citadelles du Vin network and partnerships. The results are widely distributed on social media, in specialist media and through the competition's international panellists, helping to raise the profile and awareness of the winning wines and spirits.



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- **ARGENTINA** wine by **Sommeliers International** magazine, official partner of the International Sommelier Association and the French Sommelier Union.
- Varietal wine **CABERNET SAUVIGNON** by **KEDGE WINE SCHOOL**, an international reference for the training of future managers in the wine and spirits sector.
- Varietal wine **MERLOT OF BORDEAUX**, by the **Association of Bordeaux Œnologists** (Global network of œnologists graduating from the ISVV).
- Varietal wine **CHARDONNAY**, by the **DUAD'S Club** (Association of the DUAD alumni, international diploma of the Institute of Vine and Wine - University of Bordeaux - ISVV).
- **BEST RATE OF THE COMPETITION** - still dry wine, by **VINOFED** (World Federation of Major International Wine and Spirits competitions).
- Wine or spirits with the **BEST RATE AMONG GRAND GOLD or GOLD MEDALS IN EACH COMPETING COUNTRY** - for every country with a minimum of 10 challenging wines.

Photo : Wines of Argentina



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RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

2023

INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRIT COMPETITION

23rd EDITION

11 TO 13 MARCH 2023
BOURG-SUR-GIRONDE
FRANCE



SAMPLES
REGISTRATION
TILL 31 JANUARY

DOUBLE RECOGNITION



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CITADELLES DU VIN 2023 Practical information

Registrations:

From 7 November 2022 until 31 January 2023

Closing receipt of samples:

10 February 2023

Competition dates:

11, 12 and 13 March 2023

Online results:

17 March 2023

