



## 2023 CITADELLES DU VIN COMPETITION WINNERS OF THE 23<sup>RD</sup> EDITION



Citadelles du Vin  
2023

Closing dinner at the  
Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande

Organised from 11 to 13 March in Bourg-sur-Gironde, near Bordeaux, the 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Citadelles du Vin competition has delivered a very strong list of winners. Indeed, only Grand Gold and Gold medals were awarded, proving the very high quality of the samples competing this year. Panellists of 18 nationalities tasted the wines, more than 75% of which were foreign, demonstrating once again the influence and prestige of this competition.

For 3 days, the Citadelles du Vin 2023 invited **35 tasters** to judge **625 samples**. The tastings resulted in the awarding of **179 medals: 31 Grand Gold** and **148 Gold medals**. Among these winners, 17 also received a supreme distinction in the form of **Special Prizes**, including 2 for Argentinian wines, this edition's guest country.

Barely affected by uncertainties due to bad weather and labour strikes, the competition took place without compromising on the conduct of the tastings, in compliance with the rules laid down by the OIV. True to its reputation, the Citadelles du Vin was marked by a warm and friendly atmosphere. To showcase the guest country Argentina, a master class dedicated to the Bonarda grape variety, used in Argentinian wines, was one of the highlights of the event.

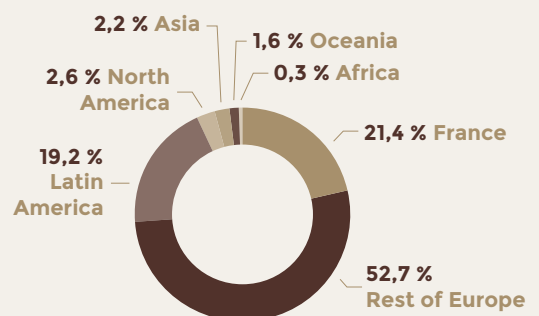
Created in 2000 by the CDV (Concours du Vin) to promote the diversity and quality of wines of the world, the Citadelles du Vin is part of VINO FED\* and takes place under the patronage of the OIV (International Organisation of Vine and Wine). This dual endorsement, combined with the expertise of its international professional panellists, is a guarantee of seriousness and quality for the competition, and thus for its winners.

\*World Federation of Major International Wine and Spirits competitions [www.vinofed.com](http://www.vinofed.com)  
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### 2023 Palmares [WWW.CITADELLESDUVIN.COM](http://WWW.CITADELLESDUVIN.COM)

#### KEY FIGURES OF THE 2023 EDITION

- 625 samples in competition including:



- 35 professional jurors  
*(oenologists, sommeliers, buyers, critics and journalists)*
- 179 medals including 31 Grand Gold & 148 Gold
- 17 Special Prizes



CITADELLES DU VIN  
RECONNAISSANCE DE L' EXCELLENCE

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2024  
EDITION  
From  
March 9 to 11

## SPECIAL PRIZES CITADELLES DU VIN 2023



### PARTNERS SPECIAL PRIZES



#### SPECIAL PRIZE VINO FED

*Best rate still dry wine of the competition*

##### CASA SANTOS LIMA

For their QUINTA DO ESPÍRITO SANTO  
VINHO REGIONAL LISBOA - RED - 2020  
PORTUGAL



#### SPECIAL PRIZE CENOLOGUES DE BORDEAUX

*Best Merlot of Bordeaux elected by the Association of Bordeaux Oenologists*

##### EARL ÉRIC MASSÉ

For their CHÂTEAU HAUT-MÉTHÉE  
AOP CÔTES DE BOURG - RED - 2022  
FRANCE



#### SPECIAL PRIZE DUAD's CLUB

*Best Chardonnay elected by the Duad's Club jury*

##### CASA ERMELINDA FREITAS VINHOS SA

For their VALOROSO - CHARDONNAY  
VINHO REGIONAL PENÍNSULA DE  
SETÚBAL - WHITE - 2021  
PORTUGAL

#### SPECIAL PRIZE KEDGE WINE SCHOOL

*Best Cabernet Sauvignon elected by the jury of Kedge Wine School*

##### BODEGAS VEGA MANCHÓN SPR DE RL

For their CUNA DE TIERRA CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
DOLORES HIDALGO - RED - 2020  
MEXICO



#### SPECIAL PRIZE SOMMELIERS INTERNATIONAL

*Best Argentinian wine elected by the magazine jury*

##### LUIGI BOSCA

For their LOS NOBLES MALBEC  
LUJAN DE CUYO - RED - 2020  
ARGENTINA

## SPECIAL PRIZES BY COUNTRY (BEST RATE OF THE COMPETITION FOR EACH COUNTRY)



#### SPECIAL PRIZE ARGENTINA

PUERTO ANCONA S.A. CATENA ZAPATA  
For their SAINT FELICIEN  
MENDOZA - RED - 2021



#### SPECIAL PRIZE GREECE

KTIMA BIBLIA CHORA  
For their OVILOS  
PGI PANGEON - WHITE - 2021



#### SPECIAL PRIZE AUSTRALIA

WAKEFIELD TAYLORS WINES  
For their TAYLOR MADE PINOT NOIR ROSÉ  
ADELAIDE HILLS - ROSÉ - 2022



#### SPECIAL PRIZE HUNGARY

BÉLA BORÁSZAT  
For their IMREHEGYI RAJNAI RIZLING  
KUNSAG - WHITE - 2019



#### SPECIAL PRIZE BRAZIL

VITIVINÍCOLA JOLIMONT LTDA  
For their JOLIMONT ESPUMANTE MOSCATEL  
SERRA GAUCHA - SPARKLING SWEET WHITE - 2022



#### SPECIAL PRIZE ITALY

SOCIETÀ AGRICOLA SIDDÙRA SNC  
For their NÙALI - PASSITO  
DOC MOSCATO DI SARDEGNA - SWEET WHITE - 2021



#### SPECIAL PRIZE CHILE

VIÑA LUIS FELIPE EDWARDS LTDA.  
For their LFE 900 MALBEC  
VALLE DE COLCHAGUA - RED - 2019



#### SPECIAL PRIZE NOTH MACEDONIA

CHATEAU KAMNIK  
For their CUVÉE DE PRESTIGE  
SKOPJE - RED - 2020



#### SPECIAL PRIZE SPAIN

COMPAÑIA DE VINOS HERACLIO S.L.  
For their HERACLIO ALFARO FINCA ESTARIJO  
DOP RIOJA - RED - 2017



#### SPECIAL PRIZE MEXICO

BODEGAS VEGA MANCHON SPR DE RL  
For their CUNA DE TIERRA NEBBIOLO  
DOLORES HIDALGO - RED - 2020



#### SPECIAL PRIZE FRANCE

CAVE COOP. LES COSTIÈRES DE POMÉROLS  
For their RÉSERVE DE MONROUBY ROSÉ  
IGP CÔTES DE THAU - ROSÉ - 2022



#### SPECIAL PRIZE PORTUGAL

MULTIWINES, LDA  
For their MINA VELHA, RESERVA TINTO  
VINHO REGIONAL LISBOA - RED - 2021