



**CITADELLES  
DU VIN**

PRESS RELEASE  
January 2026

**2026  
EDITION**

# REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE 26<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE CITADELLES DU VIN COMPETITION

The next edition of the Citadelles du Vin will take place on 13 June 2026 in Bourg-sur-Gironde, in the heart of the Bordeaux vineyards. This independent and double-accredited tasting competition is recognised as a global benchmark in its field.

[www.citadellesduvin.com](http://www.citadellesduvin.com)

## AN ESSENTIAL REFERENCE FOR PROFESSIONALS

The Citadelles du Vin competition remains faithful to its main mission to showcase wines and brandies from around the world. Last year, for its 25th edition, the competition demonstrated its dynamism by adapting to consumption trends with the opening of new categories: **spirits, sake, no/low, ciders and perries**.

Thanks to the presence of a representative panel of **international juries**, the 2026 edition will offer the chance to taste samples from around **thirty countries**. Approximately **75% of the competing wines come from abroad**.

The competition juries are made up of experienced tasters, oenologists, sommeliers, buyers, specialist journalists and critics. As is the case every year since a quarter of a century, they establish a list of winners by awarding **Grand Gold, Gold and Silver medals**, along with a **Special Prize** for certain winners.

For the 2026 edition, the **Citadelles du Vin** highlights the **Douro**, one of Portugal's greatest wine regions, through its red wines. These exceptional crus reflect ancestral know-how and a strong identity shaped by a unique terroir.

On this occasion, a **Special Prize** will be awarded by a representative of *SommelierS International* magazine, together with the sommeliers present. This distinction will reward the Douro red wine that achieves unanimous approval following a comparative tasting of the Grand Gold and Gold medal-winning wines in the category.

## A HIGHLY PUBLICISED LIST OF WINNERS

The competition ensures that its winners are promoted as much as possible. They benefit from its many promotional features on social media pages and in specialist media. The Citadelles du Vin competition is listed on the **wine-searcher** platform via the "Critics & Awards" tab and via the showcasing of its award-winning wines.

## 25 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE & RIGOR

Organized by the Concours Des Vins (CDV), this high-level competition complies with the requirements of the World Federation of Major International Wine and Spirits Competitions (VINO FED), as well as the rules of the International Organization of Vine and Wine (OIV). Sponsored by the OIV and member of VINO FED, this independent competition is distinguished by the rigor of its organization.

VINO FED  
LA REFERENCE DES CONCOURS INTERNATIONAUX DE VIN





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## CITADELLES DU VIN SPECIAL PRIZES 2026

**RED WINE** from **DOURO** (Portugal – region in the spotlight this year) by **SOMMELIERS INTERNATIONAL** magazine, official partner of the Association de la Sommellerie Internationale and the Union de la Sommellerie Française.

**MERLOT DE BORDEAUX** wine, by the **ASSOCIATION OF OENOLOGISTS OF BORDEAUX**, global network of oenologists graduated from ISVV – Institute of Vine and Wine Sciences – University of Bordeaux.

**SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE CABERNET SAUVIGNON** varietal wine, by **KEDGE WINE SCHOOL**, international reference for the training of future managers in the wine and spirits sector.

**BEST RATE OF THE COMPETITION – STILL DRY WINE** by **VINOFED**, World Federation of major international wine and spirits competitions.

**CHARDONNAY** varietal wine, by the **DUAD'S CLUB, DUAD** Alumni Association, international diploma from ISVV – Institute of Vine and Wine Sciences – University of Bordeaux.

**BEST RATE WINE OR BRANDY AMONG GRAND GOLD or GOLD MEDALS IN EACH COMPETING COUNTRY** with a minimum of 20 samples in the running.

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**INTERNATIONAL WINE AND SPIRIT COMPETITION**

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**JUNE 13 2026** | **BOURG-SUR-GIRONDE FRANCE**

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### 2026 EDITION

**PRODUCER REGISTRATIONS:**

From January 9 to April 30, 2026

**SAMPLES RECEPTION DEADLINE:**

May 7, 2026

**COMPETITION DATE:**

June 13, 2026

**DATE OF THE PRIZE LIST:**

June 17, 2026

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