

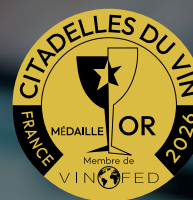


CITADELLES DU VIN

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THE 26TH CITADELLES DU VIN COMPETITION: 2026 WINNERS



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EXCELLENCE IN WINEMAKING WITHOUT BORDERS

The latest edition of the Citadelles du Vin took place in Bourg-sur-Gironde near Bordeaux on 13 June 2026. Excellence, independence and rigour characterize this high-level international competition, organised by the Concours des Vins association since 2000 and **patronized by the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV)**.

Once again this year, the competition lived up to all expectations, welcoming **45 tasters from 19 different nationalities**. As always, the list of winners reflected the richness and diversity of world's wine production, with **108 wines rewarded** out of **369 competing samples** from **16 countries**.

8 wines stood out in particular and were awarded by a **Grand Gold medal**, while **82 wines** received **Gold medals** and **18 Silver medals**.

The Citadelles du Vin competition was true to its reputation for openness. Portuguese winegrowers particularly excelled this year, winning 4 of the 12 Special Prizes awarded by the juries. Wines from Brazil, Spain, France, Italy, North Macedonia, Mexico and Peru were just as remarkable and also received Special Prizes, reminding us of what this multi-category competition, resolutely turned towards showcasing wine producers from around the world, stands for.

As a **member of Vinofed**, the World Federation of Major International Wine and Spirits Competitions, which brings together 15 major competitions, the Citadelles du Vin benefits from excellent visibility on the specialist platform **wine-Searcher**, which publishes the award winning wines from the competition.

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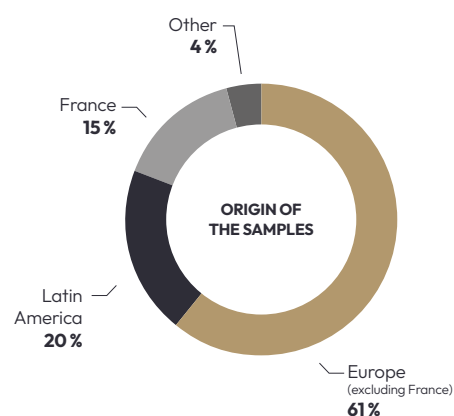


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THE 2026 KEY FIGURES



- **45 professional jurors** (oenologists, sommeliers, buyers, critics and journalists)
- **369 samples from 16 countries**
- **108 medals including 8 Grand Gold, 82 Gold et 18 Silver**
- **12 Special Prizes**

PARTNERS SPECIAL PRIZES

Citadelles du Vin 2026

SPECIAL PRIZE VINO FED

Best rate still dry wine of the competition

**COOPERATIVA AGRICOLA STO.ISIDRO
DE PEGOES, CRL**

For their **MONTE BAIXO RESERVE SYRAH**

VINHO REGIONAL / IGP PENINSULA DE SETUBAL | 2024
PORTUGAL

SPECIAL PRIZE DUAD'S CLUB

Best Chardonnay elected by the Duad's Club jury

CASA ERMELINDA FREITAS-VINHOS, SA

For their **VINHA DO TORRAO RESERVA BRANCO**

VINHO REGIONAL / IGP PENINSULA DE SETUBAL | 2025
PORTUGAL

SPECIAL PRIZE ŒNOLOGUES DE BORDEAUX

Best Merlot of Bordeaux elected by the Association
of Bordeaux Œnologists

SARL BECHET JEAN-YVES

For their **CHÂTEAU FOUGAS**

AOP CÔTES DE BOURG | 2024
FRANCE

SPECIAL PRIZE KEDGE WINE SCHOOL

Best Northern Hemisphere Cabernet Sauvignon elected by
the jury of Kedge Wine School

AGRICOLA VINA VIEJA SAC

Pour son **VINO FINCA ROTONDO CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

ICA | 2023

PERU

SPECIAL PRIZE SOMMELIERS INTERNATIONAL

Best Douro red wine in the competition, as chosen by the jury
of Sommeliers International

VINHOS QUINTA D'AZINHEIRA LDA

Pour son **QUINTA D'AZINHEIRA GRANDE RESERVA TINTO**

DOC DOURO | 2022

PORTUGAL



SPECIAL PRIZES BY COUNTRY

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Best rate of the competition for each country*



SPECIAL PRIZE BRAZIL

MAISON FORESTIER VINHOS E ESPUMANTE

For their **MAISON FORESTIER CHARDONNAY**

SERRA GAUCHA | 2023



SPECIAL PRIZE NORTH MACEDONIA

TIKVES WINERY

For their **DOMAINE LEPOVO GRAND CUVÉE**

TIKVES | 2023



SPECIAL PRIZE SPAIN

J.GARCIA CARRION S.A.

For their **PATA NEGRA ROBLE SPECIAL EDITION**

DOP TORO | 2024



SPECIAL PRIZE MEXICO

VINICOLA SAN LORENZO SA DE CV

CASA MADERO

For their **CASA MADERO 3V**

VALLE DE PARRAS | 2023



SPECIAL PRIZE FRANCE

CHAMPAGNE ROYER ET CIE

For their **CHAMPAGNE ROYER PÈRE ET FILS CUVÉE**

PRESTIGE BRUT

AOP CHAMPAGNE



SPECIAL PRIZE PORTUGAL

COOPERATIVA AGRICOLA STO.ISIDRO

DE PEGOES, CRL

For their **MONTE BAIXO RESERVE**

VINHO REGIONAL / IGP PENINSULA DE SETUBAL | 2024



SPECIAL PRIZE ITALY

SOCIETA AGRICOLA SANDRE

For their **CUOR DI VIGNA**

IGT VENETO | 2022

*Among Grand Gold and Gold medalists from countries with
at least 20 samples competing.