CITADELLES DU VIN 2027

INTERNATIONAL WINE AND SPIRIT COMPETITION

27TH EDITION

MARCH 6
2027

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FRANCE

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For its 27th edition, our independent competition remains, more than ever, dedicated to openness and discovery. In 2027, we shall have the pleasure of showcasing wines from Hungary, a wine-growing region with a history stretching back a thousand years, remarkable indigenous grape varieties and a great diversity of terroirs.

Together with the entire team at the Concours des Vins association, I look forward to welcoming you to a new edition that aims to reflect major international trends, offering tastings brimming with discoveries and, as every year, a list of top-class winners.

We look forward to seeing you in Bourg-sur-Gironde on 6 March 2027, to share a special occasion of exchange and celebrate international winemaking excellence.



Patrice MALLET
President, Citadelles du Vin

CONCOURS DES VINS

Concours Des Vins

Since 1976, the CDV (Concours des Vins) has supported and promoted wine production through two fully independent international competitions.

Acting as a genuine bridge between wine-growers and consumers for over 50 years, the association has been organising **Challenge International du Vin** since 1976 and, in a different format, **Citadelles du Vin** since 1981.

The CDV is committed to supporting and promoting the quality and the diversity of all wines and spirits from around the world. Therefore, CDV decided to extend its support with the addition of opening of new categories.

Thanks to a large majority of French and foreign producers competing in these two annual competitions as well the post promotion of the laureates, these medals benefit from an indisputable recognition both from French and foreign consumers.

Every year, up to 5,000 samples are delivered to CDV cellars in Bourg near Bordeaux (Gironde). They are then anonymized and prepared for the competitions thanks to the support and the involvement of **60 volunteers** at the service of the world producers.

By rallying energies and resources, the organisers make all the needed efforts to ensure the celebration of all wines and spirits from around the world in the best conditions, so that everyone could enjoy the event: wine growers, distillers, tasters, enthusiasts and other players in the sector.

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Challenge International du Vin
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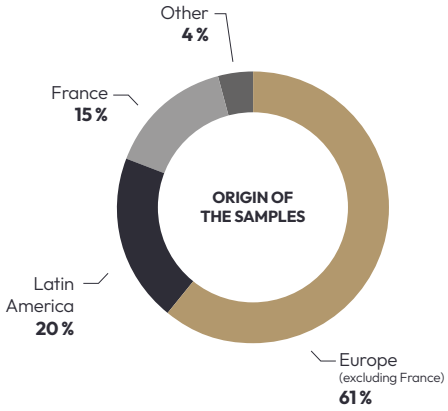
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CITADELLES DU VIN Recognition of excellence

THE COMPETITION KEY FIGURES

Since its creation in 2000 under its current form, Citadelles du Vin has gathered almost **50 countries** for a total number of nearly **25,000** wines and spirit **samples**. The jurors with members of almost **40 nationalities** have awarded nearly **7,000 medals.**

THE 2026 KEY FIGURES



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

THE KEYPLAYERS IN THE COMPETITION

Œnologists, sommeliers, buyers, educators, critics and wine journalists from around 20 nationalities meet every year in Bourg-sur-Gironde for a day of wine tasting.

Everything is done to enable the **producer** to measure his work with the **tasters**, but also to better understand the expectations of the consumer. In this competition, the products in the running are blind tasted and independently by the **best specialists** in the world.

INSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION & INTERNATIONAL FAME

As the first French international competition to have joined **the World Federation of Major International Wine and Spirits Competitions (VINOFED)**, Citadelles du Vin adheres to strict standards regarding sample tracking and tasting conditions. The competition is thus ranked among the highest-quality competitions in the world.

This is an undeniable asset that gives great credibility to the award-winning products, a high added value for export and access to high-end segments.

The diversity of the countries competing each year, as well as the nationalities represented by the jurors, is a guarantee of the outreach and recognition of the excellence of Citadelles du Vin competition.

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A POWERFUL TOOL FOR PROMOTION & COMMUNICATION

- Press releases sent in **3 languages** (FR/ EN/ SP) to our international contacts.
- Mass distribution of the ranking via the **social networks** (Facebook, X, Instagram and Youtube), our **website**, and all our **partners** and **international jurors**.
- Advertising in **specialized medias**.

NEW SINCE 2024 EDITION:

Medal with score out of 100, sticker or derogation, is another option enabling to emphasise your prize.



Medal stickers recognized worldwide

PROMOTION TOOLS GIVEN TO WINNERS & PARTICIPANTS



Citadelles du Vin Special Prize Trophy



Œnographic
Image representation of each tasting commentary.

Offered to all our participants and available in the private "Producers" area.



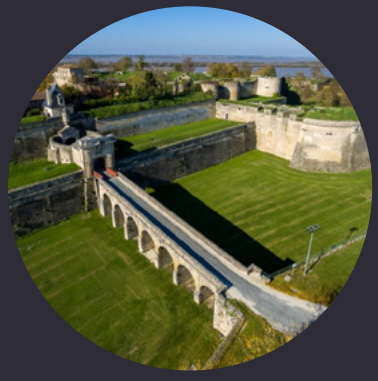
Official competition diploma

CITADELLES DU VIN AND NEW TRENDS

Citadelles du Vin is a reflection of the latest trends and global consumer tastes. By introducing new categories in 2025, the competition once again demonstrates its openness to the world, the attention it gives to the largest audience possible, and its willingness to showcase the work of producers who have placed their trust in it for more than 25 years.



Citadel of Bourg



Citadel of Blaye

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HUNGARIAN WINES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Hungarian wines occupy a unique place in the European wine landscape. Backed by a thousand-year history, they combine a diversity of terroirs, a wealth of indigenous grape varieties, and winemaking expertise. From the great white wines of Tokaj to the full-bodied reds of Villány and Szekszárd, the Hungarian vineyard offers a palette of expressions that deserves the full attention of both professionals and enthusiasts.

Terroirs with many faces

Located at the heart of Central Europe, the Hungarian vineyard benefits from a great diversity of climatic and geological conditions. Continental influences, topography, and a variety of soils shape wines with distinct profiles depending on the region. The volcanic soils of certain areas, limestone terrains, and the specific conditions of Tokaj notably contribute to the personality of the wines. This diversity allows Hungary to produce everything from fresh, mineral whites to exceptional sweet wines and structured reds.

Emblematic indigenous grape varieties

Hungary stands out for its rich ampelographic heritage, featuring grape varieties that contribute strongly to its winemaking identity. Furmint, the flagship grape of Tokaj, gives rise to expressive dry white wines as well as great sweet wines. Hárslevelű completes this palette, while Juhfark, particularly associated with the Somló region, offers original expressions. On the red side, Kékfrankos, Kadarka, and Portugieser bear witness to the diversity of styles and the deep historical roots of Hungarian viticulture.

Between tradition and renewal

Long renowned for its sweet Tokaj wines, Hungary is now asserting the diversity of its offerings, with precise dry wines, characterful whites, and increasingly noticed reds. Producers rely on an ancient winemaking heritage while developing contemporary approaches to vinification and terroir expression. This dynamic contributes to the international renown of Hungarian wines and strengthens their position among European vineyards to watch.



SUE TOLSON

Honorary President 2027

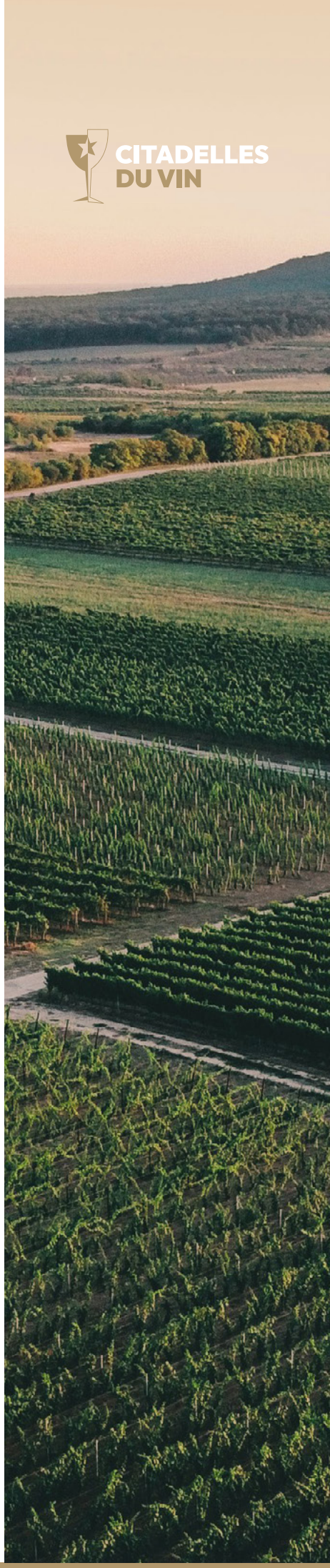
Sue Tolson is a Master of Wine based in Budapest, a wine columnist, a translator specializing in wine, a wine educator, and a wine competition judge. She is an editor for WineSofa, an online magazine dedicated to Central and Eastern Europe, writes regularly for Wines of Hungary, and also contributes to publications such as Vince, Glug, and Decanter supplements. Originally a linguist, she later caught the wine bug and completed the WSET diploma. She is also a Weinakademikerin (holder of the prestigious wine expert diploma from the Austrian Academy) and an Italian wine expert certified by the Vinitaly International Academy. She became a Master of Wine in 2026. She travels extensively in Hungary, other Central and Eastern European countries, and Italy to fuel her passion. Finally, she is part of the panels responsible for selecting wines for the Hungarian Parliament and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"International competitions play an essential role in highlighting the work of producers and introducing people to the diversity of the world's vineyards. A medal can represent important recognition of their commitment, expertise, and the quality of their wines.

For consumers and professionals alike, it serves as a benchmark and an invitation to take an interest in appellations, grape varieties, and regions that are sometimes still overlooked.

Honoring Hungarian wines in 2027 is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the richness of their winemaking heritage and the diversity of their expressions. I encourage winemakers and merchants to enter their wines into the Citadelles du Vin and to seize this opportunity to have their quality recognized on the international stage."

S. Tolson



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SPECIAL PRIZES 2027

Wine from **HUNGARY** (this year's featured country) by **SOMMELIERS INTERNATIONAL** magazine, official partner of the Association de la Sommellerie Internationale and the Union de la Sommellerie Française.

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

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

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.

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

BEST RATE WINE OR BRANDY AMONG GRAND GOLD or **GOLD MEDALS IN EACH COMPETING COUNTRY** with a minimum of 10 samples in the running.



PRACTICAL & contacts INFORMATION

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PRODUCER REGISTRATIONS:
From November 2, 2026
to February 7, 2027

SAMPLES RECEPTION DEADLINE:
February 12, 2027

COMPETITION DATE:
March 6, 2027

DATE OF THE PRIZE LIST:
March 11, 2027

COMPETITION REGISTRATION FEES

130 € excl. taxes	for 1 registered item
120 € excl. taxes	by item, for 2 registered items
100 € excl. taxes	by item, for 3 or more registered items

HOW TO GET THERE?

GPS:

Rue Ulysse Lainé
33710 Bourg-sur-Gironde

North latitude: **45°2'36.857"**
West longitude: **0°33'7.17"**



INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Registrations can be done by post or online on our website at:

→ www.citadellesduvin.com

where additional information can be found.



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