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PRESS RELEASE

CHARDONNAY DU MONDE® OF THE WORLD 2020: A UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS LIST

The 27st annual Chardonnay du Monde® wine competition was held March 11-13, 2020 at Château des Ravatys, the wine estate of the Pasteur Institute at Saint-Lager, Burgundy (France).

The **Chardonnay du Monde®** international competition recognizes the world's best Chardonnay wines by awarding them with reliable and **representative medals**. This competition is based on a single conviction: distinctive marks of quality are the **key to real differentiation** and therefore enhancing the value of the awarded wines in this highly competitive market where the array of products becomes more vast each day. Award-winning wineries can use this recognition for sales purposes by placing medal stickers on their bottles.

This event is unique in terms of its scope, its method and its ambition:

- **International in scope and a seldom reached diversity:** 658 wine samples, 37 countries, 300 international expert judges.
- **A strict method with the focus on quality:** compliance with international competition standards, rigorous selection of expert judges, and the use of scientific criteria for tasting, and secure processing of computer results.
- **Optimal tasting conditions:** sensory isolation, number of samples limited to 20 per panel, expert judges do not add

up their scores allowing them to focus on evaluating the wines, and wines are tasted at an appropriate pace.

As part of these Quality Assurances, all new judges must participate in a one-day training session before being admitted to the tasting panels. For each judge, this session includes sensory profile determination, Chardonnay aromas identification and various exercises to familiarise themselves with methods used in international wine judging competitions.

Chardonnay du Monde® has progressively distinguished itself from other international competitions thanks to **quality standards that are much stricter than the norm** and by remaining faithful to its founding principles, which have driven its success over the years: **diversity, quality and high standards**.

After three days of judging, the **panels awarded medals to 218 participants**.

Medals Distribution

Gold medals	58
Silver medals	160

2020 GENERAL TRENDS

■ **An unique geographical diversity:** with 37 countries and 658 wines entered, Chardonnay du Monde® is the strongest concentration of Chardonnay wine ever realized. It is the most significant and legitimate qualitative competition for the distinction of best Chardonnay of the World.

There was also strong participation from South Africa, Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Spain, Italy, France, New Zealand, Romania and Switzerland.

The country winning the most medals

■ **The good place of France** is noted with 33 medals. The Burgundy Region win 9 gold medals, the Languedoc-Roussillon (6 gold medals) and the Champagne (14 gold medals) were rewarded by numerous and beautiful medals.

■ **Many sparkling Chardonnay were in competition:** Champagne gains very beautiful medals. Belgium, Hungary, Russia and Slovakia received also very good notes.

■ **Within Europe:** Germany, Belgium, Spain, Greece and Italy stood out for their numerous medalled wines.

■ **Central Europe:** Hungary, Czech Republic and Romania gains in 2020 beautiful medals.

■ **Outside Europe:** South Africa, Argentina, Australia, Canada and Switzerland confirmed their successes of earlier years.

There was a high level of diversity in terms of the sensorial qualities of the wines

Each wine distinguished at Chardonnay du Monde® was judged for its individual quality. A favourable view is granted to the wines showing good typicity and intense Chardonnay aromas. Oakiness is considered a plus when it is discreet and harmonious, but this quality was marked down when it masked varietal aromas.

■ **The presence of sugar** at a few grams per liter has a tendency to improve scores. This tendency, already noted in previous years, was confirmed this year with a number of successes for off-dry wines.

■ **Expert-judge gave severe notations** for the wines whose flavours of Chardonnay are masked by too much wood and



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Sauvignon flavours; they thus privileged the Chardonnay expression.

■ **Dry wines were judged successful** when they displayed harmony in the form of elegant acidity, with aromatic complexity.

International expert judges trained:
a unique level of quality and rigor for the evaluation of the Chardonnay du Monde®

More than 700 international expert judges have been trained to evaluate the wines in competition after a specific training.

TOP 10* BEST CHARDONNAY DU MONDE® 2020

Country	Product	Winery
Czech Republic	Chardonnay Josef Valihrach 2013	Vinarstvi Josef Valihrach
Hungary	Molnar – Matrai Chardonnay 2019	Molnar es Fiai Pincszet BT
France	Champagne Gruet - Blanc de Blancs Brut 2014	Champagne Gruet
France	Chablis AOC – Louis Robin 2018	Louis Robin
Australia	Wakefield – Jaraman Chardonnay Clare Valley + Margaret River 2018	Wakefield Taylors Wines
France	Pays d'Oc IGP – Baron du Capiscol Chardonnay 2019	Alma Cersius
France	Pays d'Oc IGP – d.A. – Astruc – Malras Chardonnay « Lot 09 » 2019	Les Domaines Paul Mas
Slovakia	Matysak – Prestige Chardonnay – Vyber z Hrozna 2019	Vino Matysak Sro
Germany	Peter Steger – Konzept – Baden Chardonnay 2016	Badischer Winzerkeller EG
Germany	Burkheimer Schlossgarten Chardonnay Vini Grande 2018	Burkheimer Winzer Am Kaiserstuhl EG
Spain	Vino de la Tierra de Castilla – La Doncella de las Vinas Chardonnay – Organic Wine 2019	Pago Guijoso Bodegas Familia Conesa
France	Champagne Blanc de Blancs – Extra Brut 2015	Champagne Jean Josselin
Canada	Bella Terra – Chardonnay – Four mile Creek VQA 2017	Pondview Estate Winery LTD
USA	Wente Vineyards – Morning Fog Chardonnay Livermore Valley 2018	Wente Vineyards
South Africa	JMB Chardonnay 2019	Rietvallei Wine Estate PTY
France	Meursault Premier Cru AOC Perrières 2017	Domaine du Château de Meursault SCEV
France	Mâcon-Azé AOP – Sélection Prestige 2017	Cave Coopérative d'Azé

* Some wines are rigorously equal thus the TOP 10 2020 includes 17 wines.

All results awarded by country and by medal are available at www.chardonnay-du-monde.com



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Chardonnay du Monde® competition is organised by the Association Forum Œnologie, with participation from the Revue des Œnologues, the Institut Paul Bocuse (Ecully near Lyon) which acts as the sensory performance assessment centre for the expert judges. Secure computer processing of results is ensured by The Services Actions Qualité company.