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## CHARDONNAY DU MONDE® 2021: A UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS LIST

The 28<sup>st</sup> annual Chardonnay du Monde® wine competition was held March 09-12, 2021 at Château des Ravatys, the wine estate 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:** 604 wine samples, 36 countries, 200 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 four days of judging, the **panels awarded medals to 196 participants**.

#### Medals Distribution

Gold medals	51
Silver medals	145

### 2021 GENERAL TRENDS

■ **An unique geographical diversity:** with 36 countries and 604 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, China, Spain, Italy, France, New Zealand, Czech Republic, Romania and Switzerland.

#### The country winning the most medals

- **The good place of France** is noted with 30 medals. The Burgundy Region win 9 gold medals, the Languedoc-Roussillon (6 gold medals) and the Champagne (9 gold medals) were rewarded by numerous and beautiful medals.
- **Many sparkling Chardonnay were in competition:** Champagne gains very beautiful medals. Belgium, Hungary and Russia received also very good notes.
- **Within Europe:** Belgium, Spain, Greece and Italy stood out for their numerous medalled wines.

■ **Central Europe:** Bulgaria, Hungary, Czech Republic and Romania gains in 2021 beautiful medals.

■ **Outside Europe:** South Africa, 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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## PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES



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® 2021

Country	Product	Winery
France	Vin de Savoie AOP - Domaine Charles Gonnet - Chardonnay 2020	Vins Château de la Violette
France	Pays d'Oc IGP - Jean-Claude Mas - Le Coteau Chardonnay 2020	Domaines Paul Mas
France	Champagne Roger-Constant Lemaire - Vintage Limited Edition - Premier Cru - Blanc de Blancs Brut 2010	Champagne Roger-Constant Lemaire
Roumania	Tarnave Jidvei Doc-Cmd - Nec Plus Ultra Chardonnay Demi-Sec 2020	Sc Jidvei Srl
Bulgaria	Bononia Estate - Gomortartzi Chardonnay 2019	Bononia Estate Ltd
Spain	Somontano Do - Vinas del Vero - Chardonnay 2020	Gonzalez Byass
Serbia	Zmajevac - Chardonnay 2019	Zmajevac Winery
Germany	Burkheimer Schlossgarten - Chardonnay Baden Sekt b.A. - Extra Brut 2018	Burkheimer Winzer am Kaiserstuhl eG
New Zealand	Lake Chalice - Plume Chardonnay 2016	Lake Chalice Wines
Spain	La Mancha Do - Blas Munoz - Chardonnay Fermentado en Barrica 2019	Vinedos y Bodegas Munoz
Switzerland	Valais AOC - Jacques Germanier - Réserve Blanc de Blancs - Brut Millésimé 2014	Cave du Tunnel / Germanier Jacques
Canada	Two Sisters - Chardonnay - Niagara Peninsula VQA 2018	Two Sisters Vineyards
France	Champagne Jean Dumangin - Blanc de Blancs - Terroir Brut	Champagne Jean Dumangin
France	Bourgogne Tonnerre AOC - Côte de Grisey 2019	Domaine Alain Mathias
South Africa	De Wetshof Estate - Lesca Chardonnay 2020	De Wetshof Estate

\* Some wines are rigorously equal thus the TOP 10 2021 includes 15 wines.

**All results awarded by country and by medal are available at [www.chardonnay-du-monde.com](http://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.