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PRESS RELEASE

CHARDONNAY DU MONDE® 2022: A UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS LIST

The 29th annual Chardonnay du Monde® wine competition was held March 09-11, 2022 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:** 546 wine samples, 32 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 three days of judging, the **panels awarded medals to 178 participants**.

Medals Distribution

Gold medals	56
Silver medals	122

2022 GENERAL TRENDS

■ **An unique geographical diversity:** with 32 countries and 546 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, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Romania, Spain and Switzerland.

The country winning the most medals

■ **The good place of France** is noted with 35 medals. The Burgundy Region win 11 gold medals, the Southern France (15 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 and Brazil received also very good notes.

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

■ **Central Europe:** Bulgaria, Hungary, Czech Republic and Roumania gains in 2022 beautiful medals.

■ **Outside Europe:** Canada, South Africa 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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Macedonia



Malta



Mexico



Moldova



New Zealand



Romania



Russia



Slovakia



Slovenia



South Africa



Spain



Switzerland



Turkey



Uruguay

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® 2022

Country	Product	Winery
Czech Republic	Josef Valhřach Chardonnay 2016	Vinarstvi Josef Valhřach
France	Champagne Jean Laurent - La Griffe de l'Ource Blanc de Blancs Brut 2009	Champagne Jean Laurent
Bulgaria	Nova Zagora PDO - Edoardo Miroglio Reserve Elenovo - Chardonnay 2019	Edoardo Miroglio Eood
France	Sable de Camargue IGP - Domaine du Petit Chaumont Chardonnay 2021	GAEC Bruel
Czech Republic	BV Vinarstvi - Chardonnay Reserva Barrique 2018	BV Vinarstvi
South Africa	De Wetshof Estate - Bateleur - Chardonnay 2020	De Wetshof Estate
France	Montagny 1 ^{er} Cru AOC - Millebuis - Vigne du Soleil 2019	Cave des Vignerons de Buxy
France	Chablis AOC 2020	Domaine Alain Geoffroy
France	Chablis 1 ^{er} Cru AOC - Vau de Vey 2020	Domaine Alain Mathias
Croatia	Ilocki Podrumi - Chardonnay Principovac 2018	Ilocki Podrumi D.D.
Slovenia	Kristancic - Pavo Chardonnay 2020	Kristancic Marko
France	Pays d'Oc IGP - Cardounettes 2021	Les Vignobles Foncalieu
France	Pays d'Oc IGP Chardonnay 2021	Domaine de l'Herbe Sainte
France	Champagne Vollereaux - Blanc de Blancs Brut	Champagne Vollereaux
France	Champagne E. Lacour Premier Cru - Blanc de Blancs Brut	Earl E. Lacour
France	Champagne Trouillard - Blanc de Blancs Brut	L'Altavilloise Champagne Trouillard
France	Champagne L'Hoste Père et Fils Les Loges - Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut	Champagne L'Hoste Père et Fils

* Some wines are rigorously equal thus the TOP 10 2022 includes 17 wines.

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



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