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CHARDONNAY DU MONDE® 2023: A UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS LIST**THE 2023 RESULTS**

The 30th annual Chardonnay du Monde® wine competition was held March 08-10, 2023 at Château des Ravatys, the wine estate Burgundy (France).

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**ORGANISATION**

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:** 537 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	55
Silver medals	123

2023 GENERAL TRENDS

■ **An unique geographical diversity:** with 32 countries and 537 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, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Spain and Switzerland.

The country winning the most medals

■ **The good place of France** is noted with 32 medals. The Burgundy Region, the Southern France and the Champagne 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:** Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland stood out for their numerous medalled wines.

■ **Outside Europe:** Brazil, Canada, Japan and South Africa 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® 2023

Country	Product	Winery
France	Gard IGP - Origine - Grand Chardonnay 2021	Cellier des Chartreux
France	Pays d'Oc IGP - Les Combes de Lagasque 2021	Cave coopérative la Languedocienne et ses Vignerons
Spain	Somontano Do - Bestué - Chardonnay 2022	Bodega Otto Bestué SL
France	Pays d'Oc IGP - Jean Claude Mas - L'Artisan des Cépages Chardonnay - Lot 09 2022	Domaines Paul Mas
Canada	O'Rourke Family Estate - Chardonnay Okanagan Valley BC VQA 2020	O'Rourke Family Estate
France	Cévennes IGP - La Tour de Gâtigne - Chardonnay 2022	EARL de la Tour
France	Coteaux de Béziers IGP - Jardin des Charmes Chardonnay - Sélection Parcellaire 2022	Alma Cersius SAS
France	Mâcon-Azé AOP - Reflets d'Ambre - Vieilles Vignes 2020	Cave coopérative d'Azé
France	Chablis Premier Cru AOC - Côte de Lechet 2010	Domaine du Vieux Château
France	Champagne E. Lacour - Premier Cru - Blanc de Blancs Brut	Champagne E. Lacour
France	Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits AOC Nuits-Beaunoy - « Les Millottes » 2021	La Cave des Hautes Côtes
South Africa	Nederburg - The Manor House Chardonnay 2021	Distell LTD
France	Mâcon - La Roche Vineuse AOP Élevé en Fût de Chêne 2021	Domaine Chêne
Japan	St Cousair - Nagano Chardonnay 2019	St Cousair
Australia	Miles from Nowhere - Chardonnay 2022	Grape Expectations Vintners PTY LTD
Slovenia	Quercus Chardonnay 2022	Klet Brda Zoo

* Some wines are rigorously equal thus the TOP 10 2023 includes 16 wines.

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



Signe Extérieur de *Qualité*

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 ensure by The Services Actions Qualité company.