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CHARDONNAY DU MONDE 2025: A UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS LIST**THE 2025 RESULTS**

The 32ND annual Chardonnay du Monde® wine competition was held March 11-13, 2025 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:** 518 wine samples, 34 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 familiarize 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 171 participants**.

Medals Distribution

Gold medals	82
Silver medals	89

2025 GENERAL TRENDS

- **An unique geographical diversity:** with 34 countries and 518 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, France, Spain, Hungary, Italy, Japan and Switzerland.

The country winning the most medals

- **The good place of France** is noted with 36 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:** Spain, Hungary, Moldavia 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 favorable 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.



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■ **Expert-judge gave severe notations** for the wines whose flavours of Chardonnay are masked by too much wood and 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 2025

Country	Product	Winery
South Africa	Douglas Green Chardonnay 2024	DGB Pty Ltd / Douglas Green Wines
South Africa	Whalehaven - Seascape Reserve Chardonnay Reserve Series 2024	Bottega Family Wines
France	Pays d'Oc IGP - Chardonnay - Élevé en fût de chêne 2022	Domaine de Longueroc
France	Givry AOP - Clos de la Brûlée 2023	René Bourgeon
Spain	Somontano Do - Bestué - Chardonnay - Fermentado en Barrica 2023	Bodega Otto Bestué
France	Meursault AOC - Clos des Grands Charrons - Monopole 2022	Domaine du Château de Meursault
France	Pouilly-Fuissé Premier Cru AOC - Cuvée Prestige 2023	Ferrand Nadine
France	Bourgogne AOP - Moillard - Chardonnay - Élevé en Fûts 2023	François Martenot
France	Saint Romain AOC 2023	Ropiteau Frères
France	Pouilly-Fuissé Premier Cru AOP - « Les Chevrières » 2023	Les Vins Georges Dubœuf
France	Bourgogne Tonnerre AOC - Côte de Grisey 2022	Alain Mathias
Japan	St Cousair Chardonnay - Vieilles Vignes 2022	St Cousair Co, Ltd
Spain	Carinena Do - Anayon - Chardonnay - 6 meses en Barricas 2024	Grandes Vinos y Vinedos Sa
Brazil	Jolimont - Chardonnay Reserva 2023	Vitivinicola Jolimont Ltda
Switzerland	Genève AOC - Chardonnay 2023	Domaine de la Planta
Hungary	Szentpéteri - Chardonnay Pezsgo - Blanc de Blancs - Brut 2022	Szentpeteri Borpince Kft
France	Crémant de Bourgogne AOP - Claude Denis Brut 2021	Oedoria
France	Champagne Guy Larmandier - Cuvée Perlée Blanc de Blancs Brut	Champagne Guy Larmandier

* Some wines are rigorously equal thus the TOP 10 2025 includes 18 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 sensory performance assessment centre for the expert judges. Secure computer processing of results is ensured by The Services Actions Qualité company.