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## CHARDONNAY DU MONDE 2026: A UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS LIST

The 33<sup>ND</sup> annual Chardonnay du Monde® wine competition was held March 10-12, 2026 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:** 471 wine samples, 25 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 155 participants**.

### Medals Distribution

Gold medals	74
Silver medals	81

## 2026 GENERAL TRENDS

■ **An unique geographical diversity:** with 25 countries and 471 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 47 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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## PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES



Australia



Austria



Belgium



Brazil



Bulgaria



Canada



Chile



China



England



France



Greece



Hungary



Italy



Japan



Lebanon



Morocco



New Zealand



Portugal



Romania



Slovenia



Slovakia



South Africa



Spain



Switzerland



Uruguay

■ **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 2026

Country	Product	Winery
Japan	Kikuka Night Harvest - Kobushino 2023	Kumamoto Wine Farm Co Ltd
France	Vin de France - Vendange de la St Martin	Cave Cooperative d'Azé
Japan	Château Mercian - Hokushin Right Bank Chardonnay Rivalis 2023	Château Mercian
Spain	Somontano DOP - Idrias - Chardonnay Organic 2024	Bodegas Sierra de Guara
France	Pays d'Hérault IGP - Pays de Bessan - Le Petit B Blanc 2025	Le Rosé de Bessan
Lebanon	Château Ksara - Chardonnay - Cuvée du Pape Élevé en fûts de chêne 2024	Château Ksara
Italy	Lazio IGT Casale del Giglio Chardonnay 2025	Casale del Giglio Az. Agr. Srl
France	Côtes de Thau IGP - Saint-Peyre Chardonnay 2025	Cave Coopérative Les Costières de Pomerols
France	Pouilly-Fuissé Premier Cru AOP « Vers Cras » 2024	Les Vins Georges Dubœuf
Australia	Wakefield - Jaraman - Chardonnay 2025	Wakefield Taylors Wines
Australia	Taylors - Special Release - Chardonnay 2024	Wakefield Taylors Wines
France	Côtes de Thongue IGP - Chardonnay Vieilles Vignes - Élevé en fût de chêne 2024	Earl du Domaine Saint Georges
France	Champagne Éric Isselée - Grand Cru - Le Mont Aigu Blanc de Blancs - Brut Nature 2015	Earl Isselée Éric

\* Some wines are rigorously equal thus the TOP 10 2026 includes 13 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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