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Economic Community Administration**A very international quality high-level for the 2011 award list
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Muscats du Monde 2011: An International Opportunity to Establish the Extraordinary Aromatic Diversity of Muscats.

The results of the 11th Edition of the Muscats du Monde® International Wine Competition, have just been announced. Over the course of two days, international experts tasted 210 Muscats wines from all over the world. The 2011 awards list from Muscat du Monde® is an opportunity to discover the incomparable palette of aromas that Muscat wines can offer. Strict quality standards and optimal tasting conditions enabled international judges to award 74 medals that are recognised as a reliable criterion for selection.

The 11th international competition of the world's best Muscats wines, Muscats du Monde®, organised by Forum Œnologie, was held on June 30 and July 1, 2011 in the city of Frontignan-la-Peyrade, found in

the Languedoc-Roussillon region (France).

For 11 years, this international wine competition has recognised the world's best Muscats wines, awarding reliable and representative medals. Muscats du Monde® is founded on the conviction that distinctive marks of quality are the key to differentiation and to the promotion of medal-winning wines in a highly competitive and diverse marketplace. Medal-winning wineries can use these medals to market their wines.

Muscats du Monde® 2011 has united still and sparkling Muscats wines from 23 countries, making this competition one of the world's top events for Muscats wines. Since its creation, this competition has been a wonderful occasion to taste traditional Muscat wine (VDN: Vin Doux Naturel/Sweet natural Wine) and to follow the development of a wide variety of new wines, highlighting

the complexity and aromatic richness of Muscat varieties.

Muscats du Monde® has carved out a place of its own amongst wine competitions, thanks to its international flavour and its rigorous methods. During the two days of tasting under optimal conditions, international expert judges awarded 74 medals (25 Gold and 49 Silver Medals) in accordance with International Wine Competition regulations and in strict compliance with Quality Assurance requirements.

Muscats 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: diversity, quality and high standards.

Medals Distribution

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| Gold Medals | 25 |
| Silver Medals | 49 |

Trends and Highlights 2011**Geographical diversity**

With 23 countries entered in the competition, Muscats du Monde® is the strongest Muscats wine concentration ever realized. It is the most significant and legitimate qualitative competition for the distinction of best Muscats of the world.

All of the Muscat-producing regions in France were well represented: Alsace, Corsica, Languedoc-Roussillon and the Rhône Valley. Other well represented countries included Spain, Italy, Portugal, Switzerland, and even such faraway countries as South Africa, Australia and Brazil. The participation of countries such as Macedonia, Romania, Turkey and Tunisia, was also notable.

An International Award List With a Very High-level of Quality

A very high-level of international quality for the 2011 award list: 23 countries in competition and five on the Top 10 ranking of the best Muscats 2011.

The Top 10 ranking honor five countries: South Africa, Brazil, Spain, France and Portugal. The first place is occupied by Portugal. The sweet wines of late harvest and by "mutage" obtain beautiful Gold medals and are distinguished within the classification from the Top Ten.

The good place of France is noted with 8 Gold medals and 26 Silver

medals. Four French wines made the Top Ten. Languedoc-Roussillon and Rhône Valley took home a number of prestigious medals. In Europe, Portugal, Italy, Spain distinguished themselves with several medals. Outside Europe, South Africa all stood out. Brazil obtains a very beautiful Gold Medal and five Silver medals.

Diversity of Sensorial Expression

Each of the wines that distinguished themselves at Muscat du Monde® did so because of their own distinctive quality, and not in comparison with other wines. This event is an unique opportunity to bring together and discover a wide variety

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Participating Countries

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|  | Australia |
|  | Austria |
|  | Brazil |
|  | Bulgaria |
|  | Cyprus |
|  | Croatia |
|  | Czech Republic |
|  | France |
|  | Germany |
|  | Greece |
|  | Hungary |
|  | Italy |
|  | Macedonia |
|  | Portugal |
|  | Romania |
|  | Serbia |
|  | Slovakia |
|  | Slovenia |
|  | South Africa |
|  | Spain |
|  | Switzerland |
|  | Tunisia |
|  | Turkey |

of Muscats wines in all their forms: dry, sweet, still, sparkling, with pink to dark red shades. According to expert judges, this extraordinarily rich group of wines demonstrated a level of sensory complexity rarely encountered with other wines.

Several marks of quality Gold and Silver medals were awarded to botrytised, late harvest and spe-

cial selections. A wide variety of dry, off-dry, sweet, still, sparkling, young, age-worthy wines received favourable notice.

Incontestably, the 2011 Award List honours naturally sweet and VDN (Sweet Natural Wine) Muscats.

The participation of sparkling wines is in increase in particular with Italy sparkling wines.

Muscats du Monde® is organised by the Association Forum Œnologie with participation from the Revue des Œnologues and in partnership with the city of Frontignan-la-Peyrade and the Services Actions Qualité company for competition-related computing services.

Top 10 Best Muscats du Monde® 2011

| Country | Products | Winery |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
|  Portugal | Moscatel de Setubal Do Reserva - Venancio da Costa 2006 | Venancio da Costa Lima |
|  France | Muscat de Beaumes-de-Venise ambré | Vignerons de Balma Venitia |
|  France | Vin de Pays d'Oc Lumière d'Automne Vendanges Surmûries 2007 | Château de Stony |
|  Brazil | Perini Vinho Branco Licoroso Doce | Vinicola Perini Ltda |
|  South Africa | Nederburg Private Bin Eminence 2008 | Distell - Nederburg Wines |
|  Portugal | Moscatel de Setubal Doc - Venancio da Costa Lima | Venancio da Costa Lima |
|  France | Vin de Pays de l'Ile de Beauté Modérato Nectar d'Automne 2010 | Scea du Domaine Casabianca |
|  France | Vin de Pays des Côtes Catalanes Muscat Sec 2010 | Scea Pages Hure |
|  Portugal | Moscatel do Douro Doc 10 Anos | Adega Cooperativa de Favaios Srl |
|  Spain | La Mancha Do Finca Antigua Moscatel Naturalmente dulce 2010 | Finca Antigua, Sa |

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Leading *Quality* indicator

The Muscats du Monde® competition received official approval from the DGCCRF (the French consumer-protection agency) and the European Union on 21 June 2001.

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