

## Press Release

MUSCATS DU  
MONDE 2013

JULY 4-5, 2013

### 2012 RESULTS

The results are  
available on web at:

[www.muscats-du-monde.com](http://www.muscats-du-monde.com)

### ORGANISATION



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### APPROVAL

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Economic Community Administration

## A very international quality high-level for the 2012 award list 24 countries in competition and five on the Top 10 ranking of the best Muscats 2012

**M**uscats du Monde 2012: An international opportunity to establish the extraordinary aromatic diversity of Muscats.

The results of the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Muscats du Monde® International Wine Competition, have just been announced.

Over the course of two days, international experts tasted 232 Muscats wines from all over the world. The 2012 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 78 medals that are recognised as a reliable criterion for selection.

The 12<sup>th</sup> international competition of the world's best Muscats wines, Muscats du Monde®, organised by Forum Œnologie, was held on July 5-6, 2012 in the city of Frontignan-la-Peyrade, found in

the Languedoc-Roussillon region (France). For 12 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® 2012 has united still and sparkling Muscats wines from 24 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 78 medals (2 Grand Gold, 24 Gold and 52 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

Grand Gold Medals	2
Gold Medals	24
Silver Medals	52

## Trends and Highlights 2012

### Geographical diversity

With 24 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 Slovenia, 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 2012 award list: 24 countries in competition and eight on the Top 10 ranking of the best Muscats 2012.

The Top 10 ranking honor eight countries: South Africa, Germany, France, Portugal, Italy, Spain, Slovenia and Switzerland. The sweet wines of late harvest and by « mutage » obtain beautiful Gold medals.

Two Grand Gold medals for 2 wines of the islands: Lanzarote and Island of Beauty. The two first places are occupied by Spain and France. Two new countries enter in the Top 10

ranking: Germany and Slovenia.


The good place of France is noted with 1 Grand Gold medal, 3 Gold medals and 22 Silver medals. Three French wines made the Top Ten. Languedoc-Roussillon and Rhône Valley took home a number of prestigious medals. In Europe, Portugal, Italy, Spain and Switzerland distinguished themselves with several medals. Outside Europe, South Africa all stood out. Brazil obtains a very beautiful Gold Medal and four Silver medals.

### Diversity of Sensorial Expression

Each of the wines that distinguished themselves at Muscat du Monde® did so because of their own distinc-

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### Participating Countries

	Armenia
	Australia
	Austria
	Brazil
	Bulgaria
	Chile
	Cyprus
	Croatia
	Czech Republic
	France
	Germany
	Greece
	Italy
	Lebanon
	Macedonia
	Portugal
	Romania
	Slovakia
	Slovenia
	South Africa
	Spain
	Switzerland
	Tunisia
	Turkey

tive quality, and not in comparison with other wines. This event is an unique opportunity to bring together and discover a wide variety 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 special selections. A wide variety of dry, off-dry, sweet, still, sparkling, young, age-worthy wines received favourable notice.

Incontestably, the 2012 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® 2012

Country	Products	Winery
 Spain	Lanzarote Vlcprd Moscatel Dulce	BTL Lanzarote sl - Bodegas Stratvs
 France	Vin de Pays de l'Île de Beauté Muscat Modérato Nectar 2011	SCEA du Domaine Casabianca
 Portugal	Moscatel do Douro Doc 1980	Adega Cooperativa de Favaiois SRL
 Italy	Colli Euganei Docg Fior d'Arancio - Alpinae 2008	Societa Agricola Vignalta
 Germany	Muskateller Schliengener Sonnenstück 2011	Weingut Zimmermann
 South Africa	KWV Red Muscadell	KWV (PTY) LTD
 Spain	Alicante Do Mariona 2011	Artiga-Fustel SL
 Switzerland	Valais AOC - Muscat Flétri 2010	Domaine des Muses SA
 France	Muscat de Frontignan douze ans d'âge	SCA Frontignan Muscat
 Slovenia	Sladki Muskat 2011	Vinakoper d.o.o.
 France	Pays d'Oc IGP Muscat Sec "Vermeil du Crès" 2011	Les Vignerons de Serignan

\* Some wines are rigorously equal thus the TOP 10 2012 includes 11 wines.

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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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