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A very international quality high-level for the 2015 award list

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Muscats du Monde® 2015: An international opportunity to establish the extraordinary aromatic diversity of Muscats. The results of the 15th Edition of the Muscats du Monde® International Wine Competition, have just been announced. Over the course of two days, international experts tasted 209 Muscat wines from all over the world. The 2015 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 69 medals that are recognised as a reliable criterion for selection.

The 15th international confrontation of the world's best Muscat wines, **Muscats du Monde®**, organised by Forum Œnologie, was held **1st and 2 of July 2015** in the Languedoc-Roussillon region in the city of Frontignan-la-Peyrade

(France). The iconic birthplace of the Muscats of Frontignan hosted the international experts-judges in the historical setting of the Voltaire House.

Since 15 years, its international wine competition recognised the world's best Muscats wines, **awarding reliable and thus representative medals**. Muscats du Monde® is founded on a single conviction: **distinctive marks of quality** are the key to the differentiation and thus to the promotion of medal-winning wines in a highly competitive and often confusing marketplace. Medal-winning wineries can use their medals in marketing their wines.

Muscats du Monde® 2015 brought together still and sparkling Muscat wines from 23 countries, making this competition into one of the world's top events for Muscat 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, the international expert judges awarded **69 medals (24 Gold and 45 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**.

2015 General Trends

Geographical diversity: with 23 countries Muscats du Monde® is the strongest Muscat wine concentration ever realized. It is thus the most significant and legitimate qualitative confrontation 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 and even such faraway countries as South Africa, Australia and Brazil. The participation of countries such as Bulgaria and Switzerland was also notable.

An international Award list of very high-level of quality
A very high-level of internation-

al quality for the 2015 award list: 23 countries in competition and nine on the Top 10 ranking of the best Muscats 2015.

The Top 10 ranking honor nine countries: South Africa, Australia, Bulgaria, Spain, France, Hungary, Italy, Portugal and Turkey. The sweet wines of late harvest and by "mutage" obtain beautiful Gold medals. One new country enters in the Top 10 ranking: Turkey. Italy and Bulgaria and South Africa occupy the three first places.

The **good place of France** is noted with 6 Gold medals and 16 Silver medals. Three French wines made the Top Ten. Languedoc-Roussillon and Provence took home a number of prestigious medals. **In Europe**, Spain,

Italy and Portugal distinguished themselves with several medals. **Outside Europe**, South Africa and Australia all stood out. Switzerland, Bulgaria and Turkey reach the level of the best.

Diversity of Sensorial Expression

Each of the wines that distinguished themselves at **Muscat du Monde®** did so because of their **own intrinsic quality**, not in comparison with the other wines. This event is therefore a unique opportunity to bring together and discover a wide variety of Muscat wines in all their forms: dry, sweet, still, sparkling, with and with pink to dark red shades. According to the expert judges, this extraordinarily rich group of wines demonstrated a level of sensory complexity rarely encountered with other wines.

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Participating Countries

	Argentina
	Australia
	Austria
	Brazil
	Bulgaria
	Cyprus
	Croatia
	France
	Germany
	Hungary
	Italy
	Macedonia
	Portugal
	Romania
	Russia
	Serbie
	Slovenia
	South Africa
	Spain
	Switzerland
	Turkey
	Uruguay
	USA

Several marks of quality Gold and Silver were awarded to botrytised, late harvest and special selection. A wide variety of dry, off-dry, sweet, still, sparkling, young, age-worthy wines received favourable notice.

Several gold medals were awarded to dry wines, which were characterised by an elegant acid balance and by floral, muscat aromas. The sparkling

wines were noted for their elegance and lightness (low alcohol). For the sweet wines (vins doux naturels and vins de liqueur), the expert judges had a wide choice of high-quality wines from which to pick the best. Incontestably the 2015 award list honour naturally sweet and VDN (Sweet Natural Wine) Muscats, Muscats "Hors d'âge" aged in oak barrel and liqueur wines.

The participation of sparkling wines is in increase.

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® 2015

Country	Products	Winery
 Italy	Moscato di Terracina Doc Oppidum Secco 2014	Cantina Sant'Andrea Az. Agricola
 Bulgaria	EM Muscat Ottonel 2014	Edoardo Miroglio Eood
 South Africa	Nederburg Private Bin Eminence 2008	Nederburg Wines
 France	Muscat de Rivesaltes Château les Pins 1993	Vignobles Dom Brial
 Australia	Morris Cellar Reserve Grand Liqueur Muscat	Morris Wines
 Spain	Valles de Sadacia IGP – Libalis Muscat 2014	Vintae Luxury Wine Specialists
 Hungary	Exaltation 2012	Holdvolgy
 Portugal	Xavier Santana – Moscatel de Setúbal Doc 2012	Xavier Santana Sucessores
 Turkey	Leona Bloom Misket Kayra 2014	Mey Icki Sanayi Ve Ticaret As. / Kayra Wines
 France	Muscat de Frontignan – Cuvée Belle Étoile 2014	Domaine Peyronnet
 France	Pays d'Oc IGP – Muscat Sec Petits Grains – Beauvignac 2014	Les Costières de Pomerols
 Italy	Fior d'Arancio Colli Euganei Docg Maeli – Moscato 2014	Terre Del Piro

* Some wines are rigorously equal thus the TOP 10 2015 includes 12 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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