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Muscats du Monde® 2016: An international opportunity to establish the extraordinary aromatic diversity of Muscats. The results of the 16th Edition of the Muscats du Monde® International Wine Competition, have just been announced. Over the course of two days, international experts tasted 244 Muscat wines from all over the world. The 2016 awards list from Muscats 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 81 medals that are recognised as a reliable criterion for selection.

The 16th international confrontation of the world's best Muscat wines, **Muscats du Monde®**, organised by Forum Œnologie, was held 29 and 30 of June 2016 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 16 years, its international wine competition recognised the world's best Muscat 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® 2016 brought together still and sparkling Muscat wines from 22 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 **81 medals (29 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**.

2016 General Trends

Geographical diversity: with 22 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 international

quality for the 2016 award list: 22 countries in competition and eight on the Top 10 ranking of the best Muscats 2016.

The Top 10 ranking honor eight countries: South Africa, Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Spain, France, Italy and Portugal. The sweet wines of late harvest and by "mutage" obtain beautiful Gold Medals. Portugal and Australia occupy the two first places. The **good place of France** is noted with 7 Gold Medals and 19 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. Portugal obtains seven very beautiful Gold Medals and two Silver Med-

als. **Outside Europe**, South Africa, Australia and Brazil all stood out.

Diversity of Sensorial Expression

Each of the wines that distinguished themselves at **Muscats 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.

Several marks of quality gold and silver were awarded to botrytised,

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Participating Countries

	Australia
	Austria
	Brazil
	Bulgaria
	Czech Republic
	Cyprus
	France
	Germany
	Hungary
	Italy
	Macedonia
	Portugal
	Romania
	Russia
	Serbia
	Slovakia
	Slovenia
	South Africa
	Spain
	Switzerland
	Turkey
	USA

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 2016 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 Forum Œnologie Association, with participation from the Revue des Œnologues and Institut Paul Bocus which acts as the sensory assessment centre for the expert judges. Secure computer processing of results is handled by the Services Actions Qualité company.

Top 10* Best Muscats du Monde® 2016

Country	Products	Winery
	Setubal Do Moscatel Roxo – Adegas de Pegoes	Coop. Agricola Sto Isidro de Pegoes CRL
	Morris Cellar Reserve Grand Liqueur Muscat	Morris Wines
	Muscat de Rivesaltes Château les Pins 2006	Vignobles Dom Brial
	Moscato di Terracina Doc Oppidum Secco 2015	Cantina Sant'andrea Az. Agricola
	Moscatel Roxo de Setubal Casa Ermelinda Freitas 2009	Casa Ermelinda Freitas – Vinhos LDA
	Muscat Dessert wine 2013	LVK – Vinprom LTD Ad Targovishte
	Morris Old Premium Rare Liqueur Muscat	Morris Wines
	Nederburg Private Bin Eminence Noble Late Harvest 2012	Distell – Nederburg Wines
	La Mancha Do – Finca Antigua – Naturalmente Dulce 2015	Finca Antigua SA
	Muscat de Frontignan 20 ans d'Âge – Vieilli en fûts de chêne	Sca Frontignan Muscat
	Pietro Felice Moscatel Espumante	Irmaos Molon Ltda – Sinuelo
	Muscat de Beaumes-de-Venise – Bois doré 2009	Vignerons de Balma Venitia
	Setubal Do – Sivipa – Moscatel Roxo Superior 10 Anos	Sivipa, Soc. Vinicola de Palmela, Sa

* Some wines are rigorously equal thus the TOP 10 2016 includes 13 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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