

## Press Release

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## 2018 RESULTS

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## APPROVAL

**DGCCRF**  
Approval of French and European  
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## A International Quality High-level for the 2018 Award list

### 23 countries in competition and 9 on the Top 10 ranking of the best Muscats 2018

**M**uscats du Monde® 2018: An international opportunity to establish the extraordinary aromatic diversity of Muscats. The results of the 18<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 212 Muscats wines from all over the world. The 2018 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 70 medals that are recognised as a reliable criterion for selection.

The 18<sup>th</sup> international confrontation of the world's best Muscats wines, Muscats du Monde®, organised by Forum Œnologie, was held 4 and 5 of July 2018 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 18 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. Medalwinning wineries can use their medals in marketing their wines.

Muscats du Monde® 2018 brought together still and sparkling Muscats wines from 23 countries, making this competition into 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, the international expert judges awarded 70 medals (24 Gold and 46 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.

## 2018 General Trends

**Geographical diversity:** with 25 countries, Muscats du Monde® is the strongest Muscats 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, Brazil and Chile. The participation of countries such as Bulgaria, Greece and Roumania was also notable.

**An International Award List of very High-level of Quality**  
**A very high-level of international quality for the 2018 award list: 23 countries in competition and nine on the Top 10 ranking of the best Muscats 2018.**

The Top 10 ranking honor nine countries: South Africa, Australia, Cyprus, Spain, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy and Portugal. The sweet wines of late harvest and by "mutage" obtain beautiful Gold Medals. Australia and Hungary occupy the two first places. Two Australian wines, five French wines and three Portuguese wines made the Top Ten.

The good place of France is noted with 7 Gold Medals and 13 Silver Medals. Languedoc-Roussillon and Provence

took home a number of prestigious medals. In Europe, Spain, Italy and Portugal distinguished themselves with several medals. Portugal obtains six very beautiful Gold Medals and four Silver Medals. Outside Europe, South Africa, Australia, Brazil and Chile 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 Muscats 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, 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),

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### Participating Countries

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

the expert judges had a wide choice of high-quality wines from which to pick the best.

**Incontestably the 2018 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 Bocuse 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® 2018

Country	Products	Winery
 Australia	Morris Old Premium Rare Liqueur Muscat	Morris Wines
 Hungary	Holdvölgy Exaltation Tokaji Sargamuskotaly 2014	Moonvalley Estate
 Australia	Morris Cellar Reserve Grand Liqueur Muscat	Morris Wines
 France	Muscat de Rivesaltes – Château les Pins 1993	Vignobles Dom Brial
 France	Muscat de Beaumes de Venise – Domaine de Coyeux Vintage 2009	Scea Domaine de Coyeux
 Portugal	Setubal Do – Quinta do Piloto – Moscatel Roxo – Superior 2011	Quinta do Piloto – Vinhos Lda
 South Africa	Orange River Cellars Red Muscadel 2017	Orange River Wines
 Italy	Trentino Superiore Doc Vivallis – Castel Beseno 2017	Vivallis SCA
 Portugal	Setubal Do Venancio Costa Lima Moscatel Roxo 2014	Venancio da Costa Lima Lda
 Greece	Vin de Liqueur – Samos – Anthemis 2012	United Winemaking Agricultural Coop. of Samos
 Spain	Valencia Do – Vino de Licor - Mistela Moscatel Turis	La Baronía de Turis
 Chile	Erasmus Late Harvest – Torontel 2008	Vina la Reserva de Caliboro
 Portugal	Casa Ermelinda Freitas – Moscatel Roxo de Setubal Superior 2010	Casa Ermelinda Freitas - Vinhos Lda
 Cyprus	Ayia Mavri Mosxatos 2014	Ayia Mavri Winery LTD
 France	Pays d'Oc IGP Grain de Muscat Moelleux 2017	SPH Gérard Bertrand
 France	Alsace – Muscat Weck « Laisse toi aller ! » 2017	SARL Weck Clément et Fils
 France	Muscat de Saint Jean de Minervois – Domaine les Roumanis Petit Grain 2017	Les Grands Chais de France

\* Some wines are rigorously equal thus the TOP 10 2018 includes 17 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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