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International Competition of the Best Muscats in the World

Press Release

MUSCATS DU MONDE 2020

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2019 RESULTS

The results are available on web at: <u>www.muscats-du-</u> <u>monde.com</u>

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APPROVAL

DGCCRF Approval of French and European Economic Community Administration

A International Quality High-level for the 2019 Award list

19 countries in competition and 7 on the Top 10 ranking of the best Muscats 2019

An international opportunity to establish the extraordinary aromatic diversity of Muscats

The results of the 19th Edition of the Muscats du Monde[®] International Wine Competition, have just been announced. Over the course of two days, international experts tasted 205 Muscats wines from all over the world. The 2019 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 68 medals that are recognised as a reliable criterion for selection.

The 19th international confrontation of the world's best Muscats wines, **Muscats du Monde**[®], organised by Forum Œnologie, was held **3-4 of July 2019** 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 19 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[®] 2019 brought together still and sparkling Muscats wines from 19 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 68 medals (23 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.

2019 General Trends

Geographical diversity: with 19 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 far away countries such as South Africa, Australia and Brazil. The participation of countries such as Bulgaria and Romania was also notable.

An International Award List of very High-level of Quality

19 countries in competition and 7 on the Top 10 ranking of the best Muscats 2019. France, Italy and Spain occupy the first places. The sweet wines of late harvest and by "mutage" obtain beautiful Gold Medals.

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

Incontestably the award list honour naturally sweet and VDN (Sweet Natural Wine) Muscats, Muscats "Hors d'âge" aged in oak barrel and liqueur wines.

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. Muscats du Monde.



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Top 10* Best Muscats du Monde® 2019

Country	Products	Winery
France	Frontignan AOC - Muscat VDN - 12 ans d'âge - Vieilli en Fûts de Chêne	SCA Frontignan Muscat
Italy	Colli Euganei Fior d'Arancio Docg Vignalta Alpianae Passito 2016	Societa Agricola Vignalta SS
Spain	Malaga Do - Moscatel de Alejandria - Tres Leones	Bodegas Malaga Virgen, S.A.U.
Italy	Moscato di Sardegna Doc - Siddura - Nuali S Passito 2016	SOC. Agr. Siddura SRL
Bulgaria	Muscat Dessert Wine 2016	LVK - Vinprom LTD AD Targovishte
Spain	Vidal Artesano Moscatel - Vino de Licor	Bodegas Vidal SL
France	Muscat de Beaumes de Venise - Bois Doré 2014	Rhonea SCA
Portugal	Moscatel Roxo de Setubal Do - Casa Ermelinda Freitas Superior 2010	Casa Ermelinda Freitas - Vinhos LDA
Bulgaria	Muscat Dessert Wine 2017	LVK - Vinprom LTD AD Targovishte
Portugal	Moscatel de Setubal Do - Venancio da Costa Lima Rubrica 10 anos Reserva	Venancio da Costa Lima LDA
France	Alsace AOC Jad'Or - Muscat Vendanges tardives 2017	Weck Clément et Fils SARL
Australia	Morris Old Premium Rare Liqueur Muscat	Morris Wines
France	Muscat de Rivesaltes - Terrassous 2018	Vignobles Terrassous EURL
Cyprus	Mosxatos - Regional Wine of Lemesos 2016	Ayia Mavri Winery LTD
France	Muscat du Cap Corse AOC - Jean-Baptiste - Arena 2016	Domaine Arena
France	Muscat de Beaumes de Venise - Domaine de Coyeux Vintage 2008	Domaine de Coyeux SCEA

* Some wines are rigorously equal thus the TOP 10 2019 includes 16 wines.

The results are available on: www.muscats-du-monde.com



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