A International Quality High-level for the 2020 Award list
16 countries in competition and 6 on the Top 10 ranking of the best Muscats 2020

An international opportunity to establish the extraordinary aromatic diversity of Muscats

The results of the 20th Edition of the Muscats du Monde® International Wine Competition, have just been announced. Over the course of two days, international experts tasted 158 Muscats wines from all over the world. The 2020 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 52 medals that are recognised as a reliable criterion for selection.

The 20th international confrontation of the world’s best Muscats wines, Muscats du Monde®, organised by Forum Œnologie, was held 22-23 of July 2020 in the Occitanie 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 20 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 market-place. Medal winning wineries can use their medals in marketing their wines.

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 52 medals (21 Gold and 31 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.

Geographical diversity: with 16 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, Occitanie and the Rhône Valley.

Other well-represented countries included Spain, Italy, Portugal and even such far away countries such as 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

16 countries in competition and 6 on the Top 10 ranking of the best Muscats 2020. Portugal, Australia and Italy 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.

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*Some wines are rigorously equal thus the TOP 10 2020 includes 12 wines.*

The results are available on:

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