



International Competition of the Best Muscats in the World

## **Press Release**

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2023 RESULTS

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### **A International Quality High-level for the 2023 Award list** 17 countries in competition and 5 on the Top 10 ranking of the best Muscats 2023

# An international opportunity to establish the extraordinary aromatic diversity of Muscats

The results of the 23th Edition of the Muscats du Monde® International Wine Competition, have just been announced. Over the course of two days, international experts tasted 167 Muscats wines from all over the world. The 2023 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 55 medals that are recognised as a reliable criterion for selection.

The 23<sup>th</sup> international confrontation of the world's best Muscats wines, **Muscats du Monde**<sup>®</sup>, organised by Forum Œnologie, was held **20-21 of June 2023** in the Occitanie region at Entre-Vignes (near Lunel, France). The wine tourist center of Viavino hosted the international experts-judges in the village of Saint-Christol.

Since 23 years, its international wine competition recognised the world's best Muscats wines, **awarding reliable and thus representative medals. Muscats du Monde**<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 2023 brought together still and sparkling Muscats wines from 17 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<sup>®</sup> 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 55 medals (29 Gold and 26 Silver Medals) in accordance with international wine competition regulations and in strict compliance with Quality Assurance requirements.

**Muscats du Monde**<sup>®</sup> 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**.

## **2023 General Trends**

**Geographical diversity:** with 17 countries, Muscats du Monde<sup>®</sup> 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, Romania and even such far away countries such as Brazil. This year, Kosovo made its debut in the competition for the first time and won a beautiful gold medal.

#### An International Award List of very High-level of Quality

**17 countries in competition and 5 on the Top 10 ranking of the best Muscats 2023.** Portugal, Australia, Italy, France 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**<sup>®</sup> 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.

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## Top 10<sup>\*</sup> Best Muscats du Monde<sup>®</sup> 2023

Country	Products	Winery
Portugal	Moscatel de Setubal Do - Venâncio Costa Lima - 2019	Venâncio da Costa Lima
<b>H</b> Australia	Morris - Old Premium - Rare Muscat	Morris Wines
Portugal	Moscatel Roxo de Setubal Do - Contemporal - 2013	Cooperativa Agricola Santo Isidro de Pegões
France	Muscat de Rivesaltes AOP - Château Pezilla - 2022	Cave Arnaud de Villeneuve
France	Muscat de Beaumes de Venise AOP - Réserve 5 Ans d'Âge	SCA Les Vignerons des Dentelles
France	Muscat de Beaumes de Venise AOP - Bois Doré - 2006	SCA Les Vignerons des Dentelles
France	Alsace AOC - Matthieu Weck - Trés'Or - Muscat Doux - 2018	Clément et Mathieu Weck
Portugal	Moscatel de Setubal Do - Pingo Doce	Cooperativa Agricola Santo Isidro de Pegões
Portugal	Moscatel Roxo de Setubal Do - Pingo Doce	Cooperativa Agricola Santo Isidro de Pegões
Portugal	Moscatel de Setubal Do - Superior - 20 Anos - Bacalhoa - 2000	Bacalhôa - Vinhos de Portugal
Italy	Moscato di Sardegna Doc - Passito - S Nuali – 2021	Società Agricola Siddura
Spain	Valencia Do - La Cartuja - Viacoeli - Mistela de Moscatel	Anecoop S. Coop Cheste Agraria
France	Alsace AOC - Muscat - Vendanges Tardives - Terra Vitis - 2020	EARL Gloeckler-Brenner
France	Muscat de Beaumes-de-Venise AOP - Vintage - 1989	Domaine de Coyeux
	* Some wines are rigorously equal thus the TOP 10 20	23 includes 14 wines.

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