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CONCOURS DES GRANDS VINS DU MONDE

The Concours des Grands Vins du Monde is organised by the Comité des Salons et Concours de Mâcon, located at 138 Avenue Pierre Bérégoz, 71000 Mâcon, France. It is officially included on the list of French wine competitions established by the French Ministry responsible for Consumer Affairs.

Awards obtained at the Concours des Grands Vins du Monde may be displayed on the labels of the awarded wines.

At least two months before the Competition takes place, the Comité des Salons et Concours de Mâcon submits a notice to the Regional Directorate for the Economy, Employment, Labour and Solidarity (DREETS) of Bourgogne, specifying the venue, date and rules of the Competition.

No later than two months after the Competition, the Committee submits to the DREETS a report signed by the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee certifying that the Competition was conducted in accordance with these Rules and including, in particular :

- the total number of wines entered, overall and by category ;
- the total number of award-winning wines, overall and by category ;
- the list of award-winning wines, together with the information identifying each wine and its owner ;
- the percentage of awarded wines in relation to the total number of wines entered ;
- the number of medals awarded and their distribution by award category.

1 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

ART. 1 – ELIGIBILITY

The Concours des Grands Vins du Monde is open to wines from all countries. Its purpose is to highlight quality wines and promote their recognition.

Each wine entered must comply with the legislation in force in its country of origin.

For France, eligible wines are:

- Protected Designation of Origin (PDO / AOP) wines ;
- Protected Geographical Indication (PGI / IGP) wines ;
- French Wines (Vin de France – VDF).

For French PDO (AOP) and PGI (IGP) wines, only wines for which the official declaration of claim («déclaration de revendication»), as provided for under Articles D.644-5 and D.646-6 of the French Rural and Maritime Fishing Code, has been duly submitted are eligible.

French Wines (Vin de France – VDF) bearing a vintage year or grape variety indication must have been certified in accordance with Article R.665-24 of the French Rural and Maritime Fishing Code in order to be eligible for the Competition.

Only samples originating from a homogeneous batch intended for consumption and definitively blended on the registration date may be entered. A single tank number may not be used for more than one sample.

Each batch must represent a minimum commercial volume of 10 hectolitres.

Exceptionally, a smaller volume, provided it

exceeds 100 litres, may be accepted where justified by particularly low production.

Each sample entered in the Competition must be representative of the batch from which it originates.

Where a wine batch is stored in bulk in several containers, the sample submitted shall consist of a blend of samples taken from each container, mixed in proportion to the volume contained in each vessel.

The following are eligible to participate:

- winegrowers ;
- producers ;
- producer groups ;
- wine cooperatives ;
- cooperative unions ;
- wine merchants ;
- importers.

The participant is the natural or legal person who owns the wine at the time of registration.

2 – REGISTRATION OF SAMPLES

ART. 2 – ACCOUNT REGISTRATION

Each participant shall provide the information required to create an account and complete a registration form.

To create an account, participants must complete the online registration form available at: www.concoursvinsmonde.com

ART. 3 – SAMPLE REGISTRATION

Samples must be registered online through the participant's private account, once the account has been validated by the Competition administration, on the following website: www.concoursvinsmonde.com

Exceptionally, registration may also be completed using a paper entry form, available for download from the Competition website

ART. 4 – REGISTRATION FILE

Upon receipt, each registration file must include the following mandatory documents :

- the duly completed and signed registration form ;
- for French wines, the declaration of claim («déclaration de revendication») for PDO (AOP) and PGI (IGP) wines, or the certification document for Vin de France (VDF) ;
- the analytical report(s) ;
- payment by credit card or bank transfer for online registrations* ;
- payment by cheque or a copy of the bank transfer confirmation for paper registrations*.

**The corresponding invoice will be made available in the participant's private online account*

REGISTRATION FORM :

Each registration form is issued in the name of a single participant and may not be used by any third party.

The form must be completed legibly and signed. The information provided on the registration form may be verified either before or after the awards have been granted.



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR FRENCH WINES :

For French PDO (AOP) and PGI (IGP) wines, the declaration of claim («déclaration de revendication») must correspond to each wine entered.

For Vin de France (VDF) wines bearing a vintage year and/or grape variety indication, the required certification document must be provided.

Exceptionally, if the participant is unable to provide the required declaration or certification, the Competition may accept one of the following documents :

- the harvest declaration identifying the wine concerned ; or
- purchase invoices for the wine or the grapes concerned.

ANALYTICAL REPORT :

An analytical report issued by an accredited laboratory must be provided for each sample entered.

To ensure the wine can be identified without ambiguity, the report must include the exact designation of the wine in accordance with the regulations of its country of origin, together with all information appearing on the registration form.

The Competition Organiser reserves the right to carry out analytical checks on selected award-winning wines.

Each analytical report shall include the following information.

The identity of the owner :

- Name or company name
(identical to that shown on the registration form).

Identification of the sample :

- Appellation or exact legal designation of the product according to the regulations of the country of origin ;
- Grape variety(ies) and percentage of each variety ;
- Estate, château or trade name ;
- Vintage year, or NV (Non-Vintage) for wines without a vintage ;
- Colour ;
- Total commercial volume available ;
- Batch number(s) for bottled wines or tank number(s) for wines stored in bulk.

Analytical Parameters :

- Total acidity and volatile acidity, expressed in meq/L ;
- Actual alcoholic strength by volume and potential alcoholic strength at 20°C, expressed as % vol ;
- Total sulphur dioxide (SO₂), expressed in mg/L ;
- Glucose and fructose, expressed in g/L ;
- Carbon dioxide overpressure, expressed in bars (for Champagne and other sparkling wines).

Each analytical report, one per sample entered, must be dated less than one year before the date of the Competition.

The Organiser and the owner shall retain the registration form, the analytical report and one bottle of each award-winning wine for a period of one year from the date of the Competition, during which they shall be made available to the competent inspection authorities upon

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request. The complete registration file shall be kept at the disposal of the competent inspection authorities for a period of five years from the date of the Competition.

The participant remains solely responsible for the accuracy and authenticity of all information provided in the registration file.

REGISTRATION FEES :

The registration fees are specified on the registration form and on the Competition website.

In accordance with European legislation:

- participants established in France will be invoiced including French VAT;
- participants established in another Member State of the European Union who provide a valid intra-Community VAT number will be invoiced exclusive of VAT;
- participants established outside the European Union will also be invoiced exclusive of VAT.

Payment shall be made as follows :

- by credit card or bank transfer** for online registrations
- by cheque made out to the Comité des Salons et Concours or by bank transfer** for paper registrations.

***One single payment per registration file*

3 – PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF SAMPLES

ART. 5 – SAMPLE PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT

To ensure that each sample is fully representative of the batch from which it originates, participants must submit three (3) bottles of 75 cl per sample, each bearing the commercial label in compliance with the regulations applicable in the country of production.

In all cases, the identification label must contain the same information as that provided on the registration form.

For all wines entered, whether bottled or not at the time of registration, participants shall deliver their samples carriage paid, at their own risk, to the address indicated below.

- For shipments from France: goods must be dispatched under CRD (French duty-paid regime)
- For shipments from all other countries: deliveries must be made DDP (Delivered Duty Paid – Incoterms® 2020), with all transport costs, customs duties and taxes borne by the sender.

Any shipment sent freight collect will be refused. Likewise, samples that have not been duly registered or that are received after the deadline published on the Competition website will not be submitted for judging and shall remain the property of the Concours des Grands Vins du Monde.

Samples must be received before the deadline indicated on the Competition website at the following address:

Concours des Grands Vins du Monde
198 Avenue Pierre Bérégovoy
71000 Mâcon
FRANCE

For wines shipped from outside France, each consignment must be accompanied by a pro forma invoice stating:

«Samples for Tasting – No Commercial Value.»

ART. 6 – IDENTIFICATION OF SHIPMENTS

To enable the sender to be identified, each parcel sent to the Competition cellar must bear a label indicating :

- the participant's name ;
- the participant's country.

This label must be affixed to every parcel addressed to the Concours des Grands Vins du Monde.

4 – CONTROL AND STORAGE OF SAMPLES

ART. 7 – VERIFICATION AND STORAGE

The Concours des Grands Vins du Monde shall verify all wines received together with the corresponding registration documents.

Entries may be rejected, including but not limited to, the following cases:

- incomplete, illegible, altered or unpaid registrations
- unsigned registration files
- samples originating from batches that were not definitively blended on the registration date
- samples not accompanied by the required analytical report;
- bottles whose presentation or labelling does not fully correspond to the information provided on the registration form
- any other non-compliance with these Rules

To ensure optimum preservation, all samples are stored horizontally, immediately upon receipt and until judging, in the Competition's secure cellar, where temperature is continuously controlled.

5 – ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION

ART. 8 – CLASSIFICATION OF SAMPLES

Each sample shall be assigned an identification number and grouped according to its category :

- White Wines
- Red Wines
- Rosé Wines
- Sparkling Wines

ART. 9 – ANONYMITY OF SAMPLES

All bottles are numbered, opened, re-corked anonymously and covered with opaque sleeves to guarantee complete anonymity.

The Concours des Grands Vins du Monde shall take every necessary measure to ensure that all samples submitted for tasting remain strictly anonymous. Where necessary, the Organiser may transfer the wine to another container, replace the packaging, conceal identifying elements or carry out any other operation required to preserve the anonymity of the samples. Members of the jury shall not have access to the original corks or closures.



6 – JURY AND AWARDS

ART. 10 – COMPOSITION OF THE JURY

Each jury panel shall consist of at least three members, of whom at least two-thirds shall be qualified tasters, selected from professionals within the wine sector and experienced wine enthusiasts chosen on the basis of a tasting aptitude questionnaire. (Participants certify the accuracy of the information provided during registration.)

As competitors may not judge wines that they have entered, any participant who also serves as a juror must declare any professional relationship with wines entered in the Competition to the Secretariat of the Concours des Grands Vins du Monde. The Organiser shall obtain a signed declaration of honour from each jury member, specifying any known relationship with organisations entering wines in the Competition.

ART. 11 – DUTIES OF THE JURY PRESIDENT

Each jury shall be chaired by a Jury President, appointed on the basis of his or her expertise. The Jury President shall ensure that the tasting is conducted in accordance with the Competition Rules, including:

- management of the jury documentation ;
- determination of the tasting order ;
- handling of corked or defective wines ;
- supervision of the tasting procedure.

The Jury President shall ensure that every wine is assessed in accordance with the official judging guidelines

ART. 12 – AWARDS

The Concours des Grands Vins du Monde awards the following distinctions :

- Gold Medal
- Silver Medal.

The total number of medals awarded shall not exceed one-third of the wines entered in each category.

Where fewer than three wines from different participants are entered in a given category, the wines shall nevertheless be tasted, but no award may be granted.

ART. 13 – RESULTS

The results for each sample, whether awarded or not, together with the corresponding certificates, shall be communicated directly to participants by the Organising Committee.

The list of award-winning wines shall also be published on the Competition website:

www.concoursvinsmonde.com

Each certificate shall specify:

- the name of the Competition;
- the category in which the wine competed;
- the award obtained;
- the information identifying the wine;
- the declared commercial volume;
- the name of the participant.

ART. 14 – USE OF THE MEDAL

According to the commercial volume declared upon registration, producers wishing to promote their award-winning wines may purchase official Competition medals.

These medals constitute the only official medium certifying that the award has been granted. Participants whose wines

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subsequently lose the appellation claimed at the time of registration must immediately inform the administrative office of the Concours des Grands Vins du Monde.

As the Competition medal is a registered trademark protected by the French National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI), any reproduction on price lists, promotional materials, websites or any other communication medium is subject to the Competition's regulations. Reproduction of the medal on bottle labels is permitted only with the prior written authorisation of the Competition Organiser. Any infringement may result in legal proceedings against both the producer and the printer. The Organiser reserves the right to carry out compliance checks to verify that the award-winning wine corresponds to the information provided in the registration file.

ART. 15 – SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

A Supervisory Committee, convened by its Chairperson, shall be established to :

- ensure compliance with these Rules ;
- settle any dispute arising during the Competition ;
- carry out compliance checks on award-winning wines ;
- impose sanctions for any breach of these Rules, including exclusion from the Competition and withdrawal of awards granted to the wines concerned.

Any exclusion or sanction shall be without prejudice to any criminal or civil proceedings that may subsequently be initiated.

ART. 16 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES

Registration for the Concours des Grands Vins du Monde, whether online or by paper application, constitutes full and unconditional acceptance of these Rules.

ART. 17 – REFUND POLICY

Under no circumstances, regardless of the reason invoked, shall registration fees be refunded or submitted bottles returned. All samples received become and remain the property of the Concours des Grands Vins du Monde.

ART. 18 – GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

These Rules, of which the French version alone shall be legally binding, are governed exclusively by French law.

In the event of any dispute, and after any attempt at an amicable settlement, exclusive jurisdiction shall lie with the courts having territorial jurisdiction over the registered office of the Concours des Grands Vins du Monde.