

## COMPETITIONS & TASTINGS CALENDAR 2021

### EUROPE > GERMANY

#### MUNDUS VINI SPRING TASTING 2021

<https://www.meininger.de/en/tasting/mundus-vini-spring-tasting-2021>

Founded by Meininger Verlag, MUNDUS VINI has been one of the most important wine competitions in the world.



- Tasting date: 23.02.2021 to 28.02.2021
- Participation fee per sample: 165.00 € (VAT excluded)
- Required bottles per sample: 6

#### 7 REASONS TO TAKE PART

- Benefit from the worldwide reputation of MUNDUS VINI with more than 12,000 wines judged each year
- High class expert jury consisting of more than 300 international, highly recognized wine experts from the trade, gastronomy, wine making, wine business and wine media
- Description and rating of your wine in more than 20 single attributes
- Detailed feedback of your wine in technical and aromatic details
- Awarding with the well-known and sales-forcing MUNDUS VINI medals in Silver, Gold and Grand Gold for your marketing
- Presentation of the award-winning wines on the world-leading wine trade fairs (e.g. ProWein)
- Presentation of the award-winning wines supported by editorial content in the publications as well as online and social media channels of Meininger publishing house, the European market leader in the wine sector, including the exclusive "MUNDUS VINI Magazine" with a circulation of 100,000 copies

#### DEADLINES

- Registration deadline: 29.01.2021
- Delivery deadline: 03.02.2021

Register your samples through the following [LINK](#).

- [Contact details](#)  
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## EUROPE > BELGIUM

### CONCOURS INTERNATIONAL DES VINS MONDE SÉLECTION

<https://www.wine-contest.eu/>

Since 1961, Monde Selection evaluates and highlights the quality of wines from all over the world with its unique medal that certifies the quality towards retailers and consumers. Monde Selection International Wine Contest is among the oldest and foremost competitions in the world.



### CALENDAR

- The contest will take place in April 2021 in Brussels.
- Registrations are open until 15th March 2021.
- Samples have to be shipped by End of March 2021.
- Results will be published on our website the very next day after the contest.
- **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 15th MARCH 2021**

For more information about the registration process clic [HERE](#).

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## EUROPE > UNITED KINGDOM

### DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS | UK

<https://www.decanter.com/en/dwwa/>

Now in its 18th year, the Decanter World Wine Awards (DWWA) is the world's largest and most influential wine competition. Judged by the top wine experts from around the globe, the DWWA is trusted internationally for its rigorous judging process.



### 2021 DATES

- 14 January 2021 - DWWA 2021 entries open
- 14 January 2021 - Warehouse for direct shipping & consolidated shipping depots open
- 02 April 2021 - Consolidated shipping deadline
- 06 April 2021 - Entry, payment and delivery deadline
- 14-23 June 2021 - DWWA judging
- 25-30 June 2021 - DWWA Platinum & Best in Show judging
- 07 July 2021 - DWWA 2021 results announced

## 2021 ENTRY PRICES

- Online entry: £160 per wine (+ 20% VAT if applicable)
- Offline entry: £172 per wine (+ 20% VAT if applicable)

## HOW TO ENTER?

1. Login or register online: <https://entry.decanterawards.com/>
2. Enter your wine details online
3. Choose your shipping method (\*)
4. Make payment online
5. Submit your entry online
6. Send your wine samples

(\*) For more information about sample shipping, please visit:  
<https://www.decanter.com/awards-home/dwwa-en/shipping/ship-your-dwwa-wine-samples-276670/>

- **ENTRY, PAYMENT & DELIVERY DEADLINE: 06 APRIL 2021**

## SOMMELIERS WINE AWARDS - IMBIBE UK

<https://www.sommelierwineawards.com/>

## POSTPONED TO 2022

The Sommelier Wine Awards is Britain's only on-trade wine competition, we focus entirely on wines aimed at the on-trade.

The Sommelier Wine Awards (SWA) team have made the decision to postpone the competition to 2022. Throughout 2020, businesses and consumers alike have been forced to adapt and the Covid-19 pandemic has led to fundamental changes in behaviour which has seen a big shift in the way that people purchase and consume wine in both the on- and off-trade.

While we are disappointed the competition next year cannot go ahead as planned, we are working with our partners to bring a showcase of wines to **Imbibe Live, taking place on 5-6 July 2021 at Olympia London**, where the industry will reunite. SWA will once again invite our invaluable team of judges, and wider wine community to taste together – as it should be.

For further information or any help with any queries on the SWA, please email at [swa.helpline@reedexpo.co.uk](mailto:swa.helpline@reedexpo.co.uk). Alternatively, please call +44 (0) 208 271 2164.



## INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE (IWC)

<https://www.internationalwinechallenge.com/>

In its 37th year, the IWC is accepted as the world's most rigorous, impartial and influential wine competition.



IWC 2021 Timeline	
Entry	27th November 2020 – 24th March 2021
Consolidated shipping (Hellmann)	Closes 5th March 2021
Private shipping deadline	26th March 2021
Judging - Medals	14th to 23rd April 2021
Judging - Trophy	26th & 27th April 2021
Medal Results	13th May 2021
Trophy Results	17th May 2021
IWC Awards announcement	30th June 2021

Entry Fee	
Online entry per wine	£133 + VAT*
Discovery Tasting per wine (additional to entry fee)	£70 + VAT*
Consolidated shipping (Hellmann) per entry	£55 + VAT*

\*UK only. European companies with a valid VAT registration number do not have to pay UK VAT. Countries outside the EU do not pay UK VAT.

More information about the competition at

<https://www.internationalwinechallenge.com/about-the-challenge.html>

Register [HERE](#).

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## INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRIT COMPETITION

<https://www.iwsc.net/>



The aim of the IWSC is to award excellence in international wines and spirits worldwide, encouraging recognition for quality drinks.

### What makes IWSC different?

- We work with some of the world's most eminent wine professionals, including Steven Spurrier, Sarah Heller MW, John Hoskins MW, Alex Hunt MW, Dirceu Vianna Junior MW and Mick O'Connell MW.
- We optimise your brand exposure: our experts assess not only the wines within their specialist areas, but also get to see and taste all the wines entered into the IWSC. This gives them an opportunity to discover new wines across all regions.
- We ask you to tell us about your distribution channels. Then, whether you're looking for distribution in the UK, Asia or the US, or exposure in the on-trade, IWSC will ensure your wine is put in front of the relevant decision-makers.
- We link gatekeepers and producers: our experts (sommeliers, on- and off-trade buyers, retailers) are provided with full details of all wines tasted (in any category) that are relevant to their target market.

### 2021 DEADLINES

Entry category	Entry & payment deadline	Group shipping deadline	Direct delivery deadline
Northern Hemisphere wines & sake	17th March	17th March	6th April
Scotch whisky	10th May	N/A	17th May
Spirits, vermouth & mixers	10th May	17th March	17th May
South African wines	1st September	21st July	8th September
Southern Hemisphere wines, wine-based flavoured drinks, low & no alcohol wines and spirits, & Design Awards	1st September	1st September	8th September

### Entry fees

- Each wine or spirit submitted online costs £145/entry + VAT\*
  - Entries via post or email cost £175/entry + VAT
  - Enter our Design Awards or Spirit & Mixer Awards for an extra £69 per category
- \*Early bird discount: Enter before 31 January to get £20 automatically taken off each entry!*

### What are the shipping costs?

Entrants can save money by making use of our group shipping offer. Simply ship your samples to your local Hellmann Beverage Logistics depot and they will deliver the bottles to us. The price below covers all duty.

- Northern Hemisphere wines & vermouth: £53 per entry
- Southern Hemisphere wines: £60 per entry
- South African wines: Free
- Spirits: £85 per entry

If you choose not to make use of our group shipping offer or miss the deadline, you're welcome to make your own shipping arrangements.

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## THE GLOBAL MASTERS 2020 | THE DRINKS BUSINESS

<https://www.theglobalmasters.co.uk/>



A series of blind tasting competitions, drawing in entries from across the world, organized by The Drinks Business. The Global Masters marks a distinct change in the way wine is judged. For the first time, preconceived notions of the importance of location are pushed aside, allowing wines from across the globe to be judged purely on style and price.

Each tasting identifies the best examples of its grape variety, from all around the world and from every price bracket, meaning a Bulgarian wine can be tasted alongside a Burgundian without prejudice or bias.

All Masters competition - whether regional or global - are judged blind, and we have been honoured to have some of the finest palates in the world acting as judges: our panels comprise solely of Masters of Wine, Master Sommeliers and senior buyers.

Check upcoming competitions [HERE](#).

### The Global Cabernet Sauvignon Masters 2021

- Two bottles for each entry must arrive by: **Monday, 1st February 2021.**
- Administration fee per entry GBP 145.00 +VAT
- Custom duties must be paid in advance of sending entries



Enter online [HERE](#).

### The Global Organic & Vegan Wine Masters 2021

- Two bottles for each entry must arrive by: **Saturday, 20th March 2021**
- Administration fee per entry GBP 145.00 +VAT
- Custom duties must be paid in advance of sending entries



Enter online [HERE](#).

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## EUROPE > FRANCE

### CITADELLES DU VIN



[https://www.citadellesduvin.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=229&tmpl=index-en&Itemid=222](https://www.citadellesduvin.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=229&tmpl=index-en&Itemid=222)

Created in the year 2000 in its present form, the wine competition Citadelles du Vin is currently organised by the CDV (Concours Des Vins – a non-profit association under the French law of 1901) located at Bourg, near Bordeaux (France).

Its mission is to promote the diversity and quality of fine wines from throughout the world.

#### **DEADLINES 2021**

- Registration till 29 January 2021
- All boxes must be sent: before 12 February 2021
- The Contest: 27, 28 & 29 March 2021
- Results On-line: 2 April 2021
- Special Prizes Ceremony and Awarded Wines Tasting in Bordeaux in June 2021
- **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 29 January, 2021**

### ENTRY FEES (decreasing prices)

- € 168 ex-VAT for 1 registered item.
- € 161 ex-VAT by item, for 2 registered items.
- € 141 ex-VAT by item, from 3 registered items.

*On-line registration: payment by credit card or bank transfer*

*Postal registration: payment by cheque or bank transfer*

Click [HERE](#) for online registration.

### Contact details

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### CONCOURS MONDIAL DU SAUVIGNON

<https://cmsauvignon.com/en/>

Sauvignon's outstanding aromatic qualities make it one of the most popular varietals across the globe. Consumer recognition prompted the inception of a Concours Mondial or global competition, open to all producer wine regions in both hemispheres.



The competition is designed to:

- promote good quality Sauvignon varietal wines,
  - boost production and sensible drinking of Sauvignon wines
  - introducing the public to this multi-faceted, versatile grape variety
- Date: 12 & 13 March 2021
  - **Registration Deadline: 12 February 2021.**

Know more about registration details [HERE](#).

### Contact details

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### VINALIES INTERNATIONAL

<https://vinalies-internationales.com/en/>

Every year, the Union of French Œnologists organises one of the most prestigious competitions in the wine world. Over 4 days, the jury members, all experts in sensorial analysis, gather together under the presidency of a French wine specialist, to blind taste wines from all four corners of the world. Last year, over 3,000 bottles were





tasted. Boosted by the competition's high renown, the medal-winning bottles are sold throughout the world and are highly appreciated both by distributors and consumers.

**Key dates:**

- 05 March 2021: Final date for receiving samples at the Walbaum International Reims agency
  - 05 March 2021: Closing date for registration
  - From 15 to 18 April 2021: Tasting of the samples in Paris
  - 19 April 2021: Publication of the results (Internet, press, mobile application, social networks etc.)
- **Registration Deadline: 05 March 2021.**

Know more about Vinalies International [HERE](#).

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**> ASIA****DECANTER ASIA WINE AWARDS**

<https://www.decanter.com/en/dawa/>

Decanter Asia Wine Awards (DAWA) is Asia's leading wine competition. Judged by Asia's top wine experts, the DAWA aims to provide consumers with a trusted source of wine recommendations.



In response to the current global COVID-19 pandemic, DAWA for 2020 was cancelled. Information about 2021 to be released at <https://www.decanter.com/en/dawa/>.

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**KOREA WINE CHALLENGE 2021**

<http://www.koreawinechallenge.com/>

**KOREA WINE CHALLENGE**

Registration for KWC 2021 will take place in June. For your information, KWC is a good opportunity to enter the Korean market and in the case of wines not imported to Korea, the KWC has consistently been making efforts to find importers in Korea.

Your participation in Korea Wine Challenge 2021 will be highly appreciated and we look forward to the interest and participation in KWC 2021.

**Purpose:**

- Select best wine for Korean palate and introduce great wine.
- Offer the place for the promotion of the growth of the wine market.
- Establish a marketing strategy for the settling down of a sound wine culture in Korea.

**Schedule**

- Registration and Wine Delivery: From 1st March ~ 17th June 2021
- Primary Round: 21th June ~ 25th June 2021
- Final Round: 28th June ~ 30th June 2021

Find more details about KWC in the following [link](#) (2021 information available soon).

**> USA**

**SOMMELIERS CHOICE AWARDS**

<https://sommelierschoiceawards.com/>



**SOMMELIERS CHOICE AWARDS**  
by BEVERAGE TRADE NETWORK

The goal of the Sommeliers Choice Awards is to provide on-premise buyers and sommeliers a valuable benchmark for understanding which wines would make a compelling addition to a wine list. The judging panel will consist entirely of top sommeliers, on-premise wine buyers and wine directors at U.S. restaurants, bars, pubs, and clubs. [Here](#) are just few of the reasons to enter your wines in SCA.

**KEY DATES 2021**

- Early Bird Pricing Deadline: February 04, 2021
- International Submission Deadline: March 31, 2021
- Domestic Submission Deadline April 20, 2021
- Warehouse Closes: April 23, 2021
- Judging: May 16, 2021
- Winners Announced: May 31, 2021

**PRICING**

- Early Bird Pricing - \$90 per wine (until February 04, 2021)
- Regular Pricing - \$120 per wine (February 05, 2021, to April 20, 2021)

**Quantity Discount Available**

- 4 to 9 entries: 10% discount
- 10 to 14 entries: 15% discount
- 15 or more entries: 20% discount

Shipping Instructions: <https://sommelierschoiceawards.com/en/shipping-instructions-254.htm>

▪ **Contact details**

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## TEXSOM INTERNATIONAL WINE AWARDS

<https://texsom.com/awards/>

Submit wines for tasting and award consideration at the 2021 TEXSOM International Wine Awards.



Returning entrants should have received an email regarding their login credentials. Please contact us if you have not by emailing [info@texsom.com](mailto:info@texsom.com) or by calling (214) 886-1665.

### JUDGING DATES: April 25 - 27, 2021

Four Seasons Resort and Club (please do not ship wines directly to this location)

### SUBMISSION LINK

There are similarly named competitions; please be advised we do **not** use the Enofile submission platform. Please use this TEXSOM International Wine Awards customized platform [submission link](#).

### SHIPPING: WE HAVE MOVED!

Please do not ship wines to the TEXSOM International Wine Awards address you have on file! Wines shipped to the former address will not be forwarded.

At this time we are accepting submissions and online payment only.

**We will confirm our shipping address with you in early January.**

### SUBMISSION DEADLINES AND ENTRY FEES

- **Submission Period:** Now through March 28, 2021  
\$95 + 4 bottles (.750) or 6 bottles (.375) of wine per online entry  
*Shipping information to be released soon*
- **Late Submission Period:** March 29 - April 11, 2021  
\$105 + 4 bottles (.750) or 6 bottles (.375) of wine per online entry  
*Wines must be received by April 13, 2021*
- **International Entries:** Wines must be submitted by March 14, 2021 and received by April 13, 2021  
\$105 + 4 bottles of wine per online entry  
We are happy to provide Certificate of Label Approval (COLA) assistance to clear wines through customs if you do **not** have an importer. There is an option on the submission form to request assistance.

For more information about the TEXSOM International Wine Awards please click [here](#) to download an overview.

Additional entry details and wine awards information at [texsom.com](https://texsom.com).

### Contact details

If you have any questions, please reach us at [info@texsom.com](mailto:info@texsom.com) or call 214.886.1665.

## USA > WINE RATINGS

### WINE SPECTATOR

<https://www.winespectator.com/>



Wine Spectator editors review more than 15,000 wines each year in blind tastings. Every issue of Wine Spectator magazine contains 400 to 1,000 wine reviews with detailed tasting notes and drink recommendations.

- Find out more about WS tasting procedures:  
<https://www.winespectator.com/articles/about-our-tastings>
- How to Submit Wines for review:  
<https://www.winespectator.com/articles/how-to-submit-wines>

### WINE ENTHUSIAST

<https://www.winemag.com/>



*Wine Enthusiast Magazine* tastes, rates and reviews wines, spirits and beers for publication in their magazine and web site.

Know more about how to submit your wines for ratings [here](#).

[WINE: FAQ 2021 - Tasting and Review](#)

[2021 BUYING GUIDE TASTING SCHEDULE](#)

### WINE & SPIRITS

<https://www.wineandspiritsmagazine.com/>



W&S 2021 Tasting Submissions Calendar:

<https://www.wineandspiritsmagazine.com/submissions-calendar>

Find W&S contact information in the following [link](#).

### THE TASTING PANEL

<https://www.tastingpanelmag.com/>



Sample Submissions: <https://www.tastingpanelmag.com/sample-submissions/>



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### **THE WINE ADVOCATE | Luis Gutiérrez**

<https://www.robertparker.com/>



Luis Gutiérrez tastes on a 16-month basis. Considering the last tasting took place in DECEMBER 2020, the next tasting session will be scheduled for **April 2022 (TBC)**. Wines of Argentina will be informing the participation dates and details.

### **VINOUS BY ANTONIO GALLONI | Joaquín Hidalgo**

<https://www.vinous.com/>



Tasting sessions 2021:

White Wines: April / May 2021 (TBC)

Grand tasting, Collectable wines & New releases: June 2021 (TBC).

Wines of Argentina will confirm the participation dates and details.

