

## COMPETITIONS & TASTINGS 2023 CALENDAR

### EUROPE > UNITED KINGDOM

#### DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS | UK

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

Celebrating its 20th year, DWWA has firmly established itself as the world's largest and most influential wine competition. Acclaimed for its rigorous judging process with wines evaluated by top wine experts from across the globe, Decanter World Wine Awards results are trusted internationally by both trade and consumers, with promotion of the awards benefiting from the competition's unrivalled global reach.



#### KEY DATES 2023

- **2 November 2022:** Entries open, warehouses for direct shipping & consolidated shipping depots open.
- **3 February 2023:** Registration deadline for sample drop-off at Wine Paris
- **24 February 2023:** Consolidated shipping delivery deadline
- **10 March 2023:** Entry, payment and direct delivery deadline

#### Judging & results dates

- 16-19 April 2023: DWWA judging (Bordeaux only)
- 24-29 April 2023: DWWA judging (Stage 1): Bronze, Silver, Gold
- 2-6 May 2023: DWWA judging (Stage 2): Platinum and Best in Show
- 7 June 2023: DWWA 2023 results announced on Decanter.com
- 2 August 2023: DWWA 2023 magazine on sale

#### HOW TO ENTER?

1. Login or register online:  
<https://enter.decanter.com/a/solicitations/login/6?returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fenter.decanter.com%2Fa%2Fsolicitations%2F6%2Fhome>
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://enter.decanter.com/a/page/entry-information/shipping-options>

## THE GLOBAL WINE MASTERS | THE DRINKS BUSINESS

<https://www.globalwinemasters.com/competitions/>

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](#).

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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 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.

Find out more information about “How to enter” [HERE](#).

### **Key Deadlines | 2023 Wine (& Sake) Awards**

- Entry & payment deadline: 24th March 2023
- Group (consolidated) shipping deadline: 6th March 2023
- Direct delivery deadline: 31st March

See all deadlines: <https://www.iwsc.net/deadlines>

**Entry fees:** <https://www.iwsc.net/entry-fees>

**Shipping details:** <https://www.iwsc.net/wines/need-to-know/shipping>

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### **INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE (IWC)**

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

The IWC is accepted as the world’s most rigorous, impartial and influential wine competition.



**There is one annual tasting for the International Wine Challenge (IWC). This will take place in April every year.**

#### **Key Deadlines**

- Entry: 28 September 2022 - 17 March 2023
- Consolidated shipping (Hellmann): 3 March 2023
- Private courier shipping deadline (outside UK): 17 March 2023
- Private courier shipping deadline (within UK): 27 March 2023
- Judging - Medals: 17-28 April 2023
- Judging - Trophy: 2-3 May 2023
- Medal Results: 18 May 2023
- Trophy Results: 23 May 2023
- IWC Awards announcement: 4 July 2023

[Click here](#) to find out more information about the competition.

**Register [HERE](#).**

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## EUROPE > FRANCE



CITADELLES DU VIN  
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA EXCELENCIA



Sponsored by the International Organization of Vine and Wine (OIV) and member of the World Federation of Major International Wine Competitions (VinoFed), the competition is distinguished by the rigor of its organization and selection. In strict line with the rules established by these organizations in terms of sample monitoring and tasting conditions (blind), the contest is among the most qualitative competitions.

The Citadelles du Vin juries are made up solely of wine professionals from all over the world. Grand Gold, Gold or Silver medals are awarded as well as a number of Special Prizes. More information about the contest [HERE](#).

### ARGENTINA SPECIAL PRIZE

This year, **special attention will be paid to ARGENTINA**, a country honored in this edition. Tribute will be paid to its impressive mosaic of wine-growing areas. A representative of the prestigious Sommeliers International magazine and the sommeliers present at the contest will award the Special Prize to the Argentine Wine that has obtained all their votes as a result of a tasting that will include the Great Gold or Gold of the category. The name of the laureate will be revealed during the closing dinner of the competition. Sommeliers International will publish an article in its quarterly magazine mentioning the Argentine laureate.

- Adhesive medals will be offered to the laureate of the Special Prize to enhance their reward (up to a maximum of 10,000 macaroons).
- An Argentine Wine Masterclass will be included in the jury's program with host Santiago L'Huillier, an Argentine importer based in Bordeaux.

### How to take part?

As part of this special award, Citadelles du Vin offers an **EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT FOR PRODUCERS IN ARGENTINA**. The consolidated transportation of the samples from Mendoza to the Competition warehouse will be FREE of charge for Argentine wineries.

REGISTER WINES ONLINE in the following [link](#).

<b>REGISTRATIONS</b>	From November 7. The samples must be delivered to the Mendoza platform no later than <b>JANUARY 13, 2023</b> . Then, the registrations must be effective in time to meet that delivery date.
<b>DELIVERY TO THE PLATFORM IN MENDOZA</b>	<b>JANUARY 13, 2023</b> All information in the following <a href="#">link</a> ("ARGENTINE PLATFORM").
<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b>	€ 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.
<b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>FREE OF CHARGE</b> FROM THE MENDOZA PLATFORM TO THE CONTEST WAREHOUSE IN BORDEAUX

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## > ASIA

### **KOREA WINE CHALLENGE**

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



### **KOREA WINE CHALLENGE**

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 will be highly appreciated and we look forward to the interest and participation.

Purpose:

- Select the best wines for the Korean palate and introduce great wines.
- Expanding distribution of award-winning wines for quality and value to the Korean wine market.
- Establishing a bridgehead for overseas wineries to enter the Korean wine market.

Check the rules of entry [HERE](#).

Key Dates 2023 TBC. More details about KWC in this [link](#).  
For further information: [info@koreawinechallenge.com](mailto:info@koreawinechallenge.com).

### **JAPAN WINE CHALLENGE**

<https://www.japanwinechallenge.com>

The most prestigious and oldest wine and sparkling wine contest in Asia, celebrates its twenty-fifth edition in 2022 and invites Argentine wineries to present their labels to strengthen the Argentine category.



The wine and sparkling wine market in Japan is highly competitive, demanding and sophisticated, requiring dedication and patience. Many companies in the world export to Japan, with an enormous variety of products, however, they present opportunities for new, high-quality, organic, low-alcohol and low-sulfite wines.

Japan Wine Challenge continues to focus on generating awareness and increasing knowledge on the part of consumers/wine lovers, resulting in a continuous increase in sales of quality wines. After the competition, the results are published both on the website and through the digital magazine, and work with the participants from all over the world through medal stamps and promotions to develop the demand for wines in Japan.

### KEY DATES 20233

- The results of the 2022 edition will be announced in December 2022.  
2023 dates TBC.
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### CATHAY HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRIT COMPETITION

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



HK IWSC is an opportunity to demonstrate Argentina's excellence and recreate the future in the Asian Market! HK IWSC is a great platform for Argentine wineries to build and develop the brand in the increasingly challenging yet fast-growing Asian market! By participating in HK IWSC, wineries will be provided with a strong marketing support & promotion, and the competition being judged by Asia's top wine experts & influencers, will also help guarantee connectivity with buyers in Asia.

Wineries taking part in HK IWSC will help Increase Argentine wine exposure in the Asian market.

Remarks: There are few requirements to satisfy and maximise the effectiveness of such tasting:

- Minimum 10 winning products (representing 2-3 producers) should be featured in each tasting session for better attractiveness
- Samples would be required for tasting.

### KEY DATES

- Result Announcement to Public 2022 edition: 10 Nov 2022.  
2023 dates TBC.

More information in the following [link](#).

### 10th "SAKURA" JAPAN WOMEN'S WINE AWARDS 2023

<http://www.sakuraaward.com/en/>

10th Anniversary SAKURA  
Japan Women's  
Wine Awards 2023

Entries for the 10th "SAKURA" Japan Women's Wine Award 2022 are now open. A unique wine competition judged exclusively by female wine specialists, namely sommeliers, winemakers, wine school educators, journalists, restaurant and beverage directors, retail store buyers, importers and distributors. Their mission is "to select wines to go with Japanese cuisine", "to increase the annual wine consumption in Japan" and "to expand opportunities for women in the wine industry".

More information about the competition [here](#).

## 2023 SCHEDULE

- **Period of entry:** October 3rd (Fri), 2022 - November 30th (Wed), 2022
- \*the deadline for Early Bird Discount : October 31th(Mon), 2022
- **Period of the delivery:** October 3rd (Fri), 2022 – December 10th(Sat), 2022.
- **Tasting sessions**
  - January 25th (wed), 2023 at Hotel Nikko Osaka
  - January 31th (tue), 2023 at Hotel Gajoen Tokyo
- **Winners' Announcement:** February, 2023
  
- **Award ceremony:** May, 2023

Check the [Entry Brochure here](#).

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### > USA

#### TEXSOM INTERNATIONAL WINE AWARDS

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



TEXSOM International Wine Awards brings the industry together to identify and champion beverages of quality and distinction from around the world, invests in brand-building for all award-winners, and creates additional avenues to market and exposure through the extensive sommelier and beverage industry network of TEXSOM entities: The TEXSOM Conference, TEXSOM Retreat, TEXSOM Sommer Camp, and SOMMELIER, a TEXSOM publication. More information about the entry path [HERE](#).

- **Contact details**

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

#### SOMMELIERS CHOICE AWARDS

<https://sommelierschoiceawards.com/>



#### Get In-Front Of Top Sommeliers and Restaurant Buyers of the US.

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 a few of the reasons to enter your wines in SCA.

## Who are the judges?

The Sommeliers Choice Awards judging panel will consist entirely of top sommeliers, on-premise wine buyers, and wine directors at U.S. restaurants, bars, pubs, and clubs. [Click here](#) to view judges' list.

## Judging Process

The wines will:

- Initially be tasted blind to determine its quality, food parability, and typicity.
- Judges will then determine the package and value score of the wine once they are revealed with the actual price and shown the package.
- Judges will also mark 'By The Glass' if they think the wine is a good fit for By The Glass.

## [VIEW WINNING BENEFITS](#)

### Key Dates:

- Submission Closes - April 14, 2023
- Warehouse Closes - April 28, 2023
- Judging Day - May 22, 2023
- Winners Announced - June 07, 2023

### Pricing:

- Early Bird Pricing - \$90 per wine (November 1, 2022, to January 31, 2023)
- Regular Pricing - \$120 per wine (February 1, 2023, to April 14, 2023)

### Quantity Discount:

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

Check more details about the [WINNING IMPACT](#) you'll have.

## [ENTER YOUR WINES HERE](#)

### Shipping Instructions:

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

For more information, please visit <https://sommelierschoiceawards.com/en/>

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**UK > WINE RATINGS****TIM ATKIN MW | Visit to Argentina 2023**

<https://timatkin.com/>

**Tim Atkin**<sup>MW</sup>

February 2023. Wines of Argentina will make a call for wineries to participate and register in November / December 2022.

**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>

More information about tasting procedures [HERE](#).

Click [here](#) for further support.

**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. For more information about Ratings, [check this webpage](#).

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

[2022 BUYING GUIDE TASTING SCHEDULE](#)

**WINE & SPIRITS**

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



W&S 2022 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/>

### THE WINE ADVOCATE | Luis Gutiérrez

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



Luis Gutiérrez will be tasting Argentine Wines in Madrid, Spain on SEPTEMBER 2022. Registration for this year's edition is **already closed**.

Luis Gutiérrez tastes on a 16-month basis. According to this scheme, the next session should be scheduled by the beginning of 2024.

### VINOUS BY ANTONIO GALLONI | Joaquín Hidalgo

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



Wines of Argentina will confirm the participation dates and details for 2023.