



## **ITALY TOPS THE MEDAL TABLE AT THE DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS**

*Wines from Italy were awarded more medals than any other country at the 2022 Decanter World Wine Awards*

7 June: Full results from the Decanter World Wine Awards 2022 have been released today (7 June), and wines from across Italy were awarded the most medals placing it top of all countries worldwide.

Now in its 19th year, the Decanter World Wine Awards (DWWA) is the world's largest and most influential wine competition, with unrivaled global reach. Judged by top wine experts from around the globe, DWWA is trusted internationally for its rigorous judging process.

As part of this process almost 250 expert judges, including 41 Masters of Wine and 13 Master Sommeliers, evaluated 18,244 wines from 54 countries at DWWA 2022, making it a record year for wines tasted.

**Italy amassed an impressive haul of 3,102 medals.** Only 50 wines were awarded Best in Show, of these nine were to Italian producers making it the second most successful country in this category. There were also 24 Platinum and 114 Gold medals achieved.

On judging, Michaela Morris, Regional Chair for Tuscany, commented: "Generally, Golds stand out. There's actually this communal excitement between the judges and then when they come and put that Gold medal sticker on, signing off on it, there's really a sense of satisfaction and fulfillment that we've done the job that we've set out to do."

Southern Italy posted great results, showcasing rising quality in the country's southern regions. **Sardinia and Sicily** were both awarded Best in Show medals, a first-ever for Sardinia for its **Chessa, Cagnulari, Isola dei Nuraghi 2020**. The same grape variety as Spain's Graciano, this medal winner was described by the judges as having 'aromatic poise and lively complexity on the palate which many in Spain would envy.'



**Tuscany** won four Best in Show medals, more than any other year in the competition's 19-year history. **Friuli-Venezia Giulia** had previously been awarded just one Platinum medal in 2018, but this year won an impressive three.

**Trentino Alto Adige** won one Platinum and 21 Golds, representing the most medals won by this region in these categories. **Val d'Aosta** won two Golds, **Abruzzo** won its second-ever Platinum medal as did **Emilia Romana**, which picked up three medals in the top category.

**Marche** won two Platinum and three Gold medals and **Campania** won one Best in Show, two Platinum and three Gold, representing the best Platinum haul for both regions.

Decanter World Wine Awards Co-Chair, Ronan Sayburn MS, said: "DWWA is the most widely accepted and the most prestigious wine awards in the world, and I think that that's because of the very rigorous process it goes through for awarding the best wines."

Co-Chair Sarah Jane Evans MW adds: "The Decanter World Wine Awards is something really special. We pay huge attention to the wines we have. Each one we approach like one of the family in the sense that we really care for it, study it and then rate it as it is now. You know that what you're doing is having a big discussion about who's going to enjoy it later."

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### **Note to editors**

Italy was awarded a total of 3102 medals, with 8 Best in Show, 25 Platinum, 114 Gold, 1205 Silver and 1750 Bronze.

The following wines won Italy's Best in Show medals:

- Zenato, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva, Veneto 2016
- Mandrarossa, Fiano, Terre Siciliane, Sicily 2021
- La Palazzetta, Brunello di Montalcino Riserva, Tuscany 2016
- Chessa, Cagnulari, Isola dei Nuraghi, Sardinia 2020
- Cipriana, San Martino, Bolgheri Superiore, Tuscany 2018
- Riecine, Vigna Gittori, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione, Tuscany 2019
- Colmano, Riserva, Vin Santo del Chianti, Tuscany 2000
- Ciabot Berton, Roggeri, Barolo, Piedmont 2017
- Botter, Lapilli, Greco di Tufo, Campania 2021

### **About DWWA**

Launched in 2004 and now in its 19th year, the Decanter World Wine Awards (DWWA) is the world's largest and most influential wine competition.

Decanter - the world's leading wine media brand - has a trusted relationship with an international audience of both consumers and trade that sets DWWA apart from other competitions. Sustainability is a key focus for the DWWA team. All plastic and cardboard is collected and recycled, while every bottle is crushed and remelted, ready to be remade into usable glass within 30 days. All leftover wine is also collected, recycled and sold back into the national grid as gas.

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