



FRANCE ENJOYS RECORD YEAR AT DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS

France had a record breaking year at the 2022 Decanter World Wine Awards increasing their medal wines in both the Platinum and Gold category.

7 June: Full results from the Decanter World Wine Awards 2022 have been released today (7 June), revealing impressive wins for France, again picking up the most Best in Show and Platinum medals in the competition as well as increasing the number of Gold medals awarded compared to 2021 results.

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

France recorded wins across a variety of regions. Only 50 wines were awarded Best in Show, 10 of which were from France, showcasing the amazing quality and diversity of wines on offer, the country was also awarded 38 Platinum medals and 125 Gold.

Bordeaux was the best performing region across the whole competition, an amazing accolade for producers. It was awarded five Best in Show medals including two Value Best in Show for **Savas, Cuvée Eva, Bordeaux Blanc 2020**, which judges commented: "Bordeaux is rarely acclaimed as a source of great-value Sauvignon... but there is a class to the fruit which is rare at this level and which will provide much drinking pleasure for Sauvignon fans." The other awarded to **Château Bourdieu, N°1, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2018** which for the second year running, Blaye stormed into the Best in Show selection, and on this occasion with a Value wine from the exciting 2018 vintage.

There were a further 6 Platinum and 20 Gold medals awarded to the region.

Beaujolais was awarded its first-ever Best in Show with the **Mont Verrier, La Tonne, Fleurie 2020**, scoring an impressive 97 points.

Provence was awarded three Platinum medals and 13 Gold, marking the region's best performance to date.



Alsace performed well too, receiving two Platinum medals and six Gold medals, an increase from 2021.

South West France was awarded a Best in Show for the **Domaine Cauhapé, Quintessence du Petit Manseng 2017** and four Gold medals.

Jura once again won a Platinum medal with **Domaine Badoz, Vin Jaune 2015**. The Vin de France category won Gold for the first time with **Jeff Carrel, Chatgris NV** - an orange wine made with Grenache Gris.

Champagne recorded two Best in Show wins for **Telmont, Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut 2012** and **Castelnau's Brut 2006** - the same wine was awarded a Platinum in 2021, showing exceptional development. The region also saw 7 Platinum and 11 Gold medals awarded.

Rhône received one Best in Show for the **Domaine Verzier, Empreinte 2020** from the Saint-Joseph appellation, plus three Platinum and 17 Gold medals.

Languedoc-Roussillon was awarded 5 Platinum and 16 Gold medals, Loire 4 Platinum and 10 Gold, Burgundy an impressive 7 Platinum and 15 Gold and Savoie one Gold medal.

Decanter World Wine Awards Co-Chair, Sarah Jane Evans MW, commented: "We have colleagues here who are winemakers, sommeliere, retailers, wine buyers - each one of them is assessing the wines from a slightly different aspect, and out of that what we get is a brilliant independent decision.

"Whether you are in a restaurant or a high street supermarket, that Decanter World Wine Awards medal is really something you can trust."

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Note to editors

France was awarded a total of 3098 medals, with 10 Best in Show, 38 Platinum, 125 Gold, 1359 Silver and 1566 Bronze.

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

- Château Haut Breton, Breton Larigaudière, Le Créateur, Margaux, Bordeaux 2020
- Domaine Verzier, Empreinte, Saint-Joseph, Rhône 2020
- Claude Danivet, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Bordeaux, 2020
- Mont Verrier, La Tonne, Fleurie, Beaujolais, 2020
- Castelnau, Brut, Champagne 2006
- Château Bourdieu, N°1, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux, Bordeaux 2018
- Domaine Cauhapé, Quintessence du Petit Manseng, Jurançon, Southwest France 2017
- Savas, Cuvée Eva, Bordeaux Blanc, Bordeaux 2020
- Telmont, Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut, Champagne, 2012
- Château Laville, Sauternes, Bordeaux 2019

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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