



## THE UK ENJOYS RECORD YEAR AT DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS

*The UK had a record-breaking year at the 2022 Decanter World Wine Awards with a first Platinum win for wine from Essex*

7 June: Full results from the Decanter World Wine Awards 2022 have been released today (7 June), revealing **impressive wins for the UK, with 151 medals awarded, the most in the competition's history for homegrown wines** and wines from UK supermarkets also achieving notable wins in the Value category.

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.

Medal winners came via 21 countries this year representing the record breaking year. Traditional method sparkling wine and still Chardonnay wines topped the results with Best in Show, Platinum and Gold medal wines. There were Silver medal wins for wines made from Bacchus, Pinot Meunier, Pinot Noir, Ortega and Pinot Noir Précoce (an early-ripening mutation of Pinot Noir).

Only 50 wines were awarded Best in Show including the **Coates & Seely, Reserve Brut, Hampshire NV**. Judges commented: "There's no rule that English sparkling wines must feature in our Best in Show selection; quality is all. Year after year, though, it is precisely the quality of those English sparkling wines submitted to the DWWA that keeps impressing our final-round judges and insisting on inclusion."

Essex was awarded a Platinum medal for the first time for the **Vagabond Winery, Chardonnay 2020**, which notched up an impressive 97 points.

There were seven Gold medals awarded to UK wines, Hampshire's **Hattingley Valley, Classic Reserve Brut NV**, which is available in Waitrose and via Ocado, **Wiston**



**Estate, Blanc de Noir Brut 2014** from West Sussex, **Gusbourne, Blanc de Noirs Brut 2018**, **Chapel Down's Kit's Coty Chardonnay 2019** and **Kit's Coty, Coeur de Cuvée 2016** all from Kent and **Albury Estate, Blanc de Noirs NV** from Surrey.

For UK supermarket buys, drinkers can also enjoy a top-scoring Argentinian Malbec from the value category (up to the value of £14.99) for **The Best Gran Montaña Reserve Malbec 2020** from Mendoza which was awarded the competition's top accolade of Value Best in Show and available at **Morrisons**.

**Asda's Extra Special Palacio de Vivero Verdejo 2021** from Rueda, Spain was awarded a Value Platinum medal.

**Co-op** offer three Value Gold medal winners (up to £14.99) including its own label **Irresistible Carménère, Maipó Valley, Chile 2021**, **BDX Revolution, Cabernet Franc Rosé Bordeaux, France 2021** and New Zealand's **Vavasour Sauvignon Blanc 2021** from Marlborough.

Value Gold medals can also be found at **Waitrose** for, **Beronia Reserva, Rioja, Spain 2017** and at **Morrisons** for its **The Best Muscadet Sèvre et Maine sur lie 2020** from the Loire, France.

Decanter World Wine Awards Co Chair, Sarah Jane Evans MW, said: "Whether you are in a restaurant or a high street supermarket, that Decanter World Wine Awards medal is really something you can trust.

"Price to me is very important. We're all very price conscious at the moment so we are looking for value. If you see a Value Platinum, for heaven's sake pick it up - it's great value."

**Ukraine** had their best showing to date with 82% of wines entered winning medals (14 in total). Gold was awarded to **Beykush Winery Reserve Chardonnay 2019** who [took special measures having their bottles hand-delivered](#) via Hungary, knowing that winning this prestigious award would be the key to higher export success and crucial income.

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### **Note to editors**

The UK was awarded a total of 151 medals, with 1 Best in Show, 1 Platinum, 7 Gold, 74 Silver and 68 Bronze.

The following wine won the Best in Show medals:

- Coates & Seely, Reserve Brut NV, Hampshire NV

The 21 counties represented as medal winners in this year's competition were: Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Conwy, Cornwall, Derbyshire, Devon, Dorset, East Sussex, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Herefordshire, Kent, Monmouthshire, Norfolk, Oxfordshire, Shropshire, Surrey, West Sussex, Wiltshire and Worcestershire.

### **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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