



BIGGEST-EVER DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS IN 2022

Full results released from the world's largest and most influential wine competition

7 June: Full results from the Decanter World Wine Awards (DWWA) 2022 have been released, revealing impressive wins from established wine producers as well as surprise wins from emerging regions across the globe. It is a record-breaking year for the DWWA 2022 with a total of 18,244 wines tasted from 54 countries.

Now in its 19th year, the DWWA is the world's largest and most influential wine competition with unrivalled global reach. Judged by top wine experts from around the world, DWWA is trusted internationally for its rigorous judging process. This year, almost 250 expert judges, including 41 Masters of Wine and 13 Master Sommeliers joined the judging panel. Judging took place over two weeks in London in April followed by a final round of tasting where Gold medal-winning wines were re-categorised by country, region, sub-region, grape, vintage and price band, and re-tasted by Regional Chairs and Co-Chairs. The best wines are then promoted to Platinum medals.

There were 164 Platinum and 677 Gold medals awarded in this year's DWWA, making up 0.9% and 3.7% respectively of the total wines tasted. And amongst the Platinums, only 50 wines were awarded a prestigious Best in Show medal.

Japanese Koshu wins a Platinum medal

The country was awarded one Platinum, four Gold, 15 Silver, and 33 Bronze medals in the DWWA 2022. The Platinum medal was awarded to a Koshu from the country's southern island Kyushu: **Sanwa Shurui, Ajimu Moroya Koshu 2021**, and it's the region's first-ever win at the DWWA. Three of the four Gold were again scooped up by their national grape from Yamanashi: **Château Mars, Koshu Verdinho 2021, Morita Koshu Winery, Grand Chânmoris Assemblage 2021, and Suntory, Premium Koshu 2019**. The remaining Gold was awarded to a Blaufränkisch, a late-ripening variety, from Hokkaido: **Camel Farm Winery, Blaufränkisch Private Reserve 2020**.

Ronan Sayburn MS, Co-Chair at DWWA 2022, says, "These wines have been through a lot of hands and palates from those who work in wine businesses, to get to that medal-



winning level – whether that’s a Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum or Best in Show. So if it gets to the point where it’s a Platinum, it really is the best of the best”.

As part of the judging process there is an importance placed on price brackets which is unique to DWWA. In 2022, there were 10 Value Best in Show winners, meaning less than £15 retail, from Spain, France, Chile, Italy, Argentina and Portugal; including Chilean Carignan, Bordeaux Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc from Mendoza.

Co-Chair Sarah Jane Evans MW says, “We’re all very price conscious at the moment so we are looking for value. A value wine rarely has the same kind of interior complexity that something that’s going to be over £50 would have. However, what you can get is a terrifically delicious expression of fruit and you can still express the place that it comes from so we have a lot of focus on those.”

DWWA 2022: A year of surprises

A surprise Gold from **Ukraine** 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. There was also a first-ever entry from Andorra which won Bronze: **Borda Sabate, Escol Riesling 2016**, and success in Armenia with a Gold medal for **Noa, Noah of Areni 2019**; with five Golds awarded since the DWWA 2019 it could well be a country to watch. China is another country to watch with excellent results this year, winning 17 Gold.

More highlights from DWWA 2022

Noteworthy highlights include orange wines; there were six Gold winners from Croatia, Georgia, Italy and France, and a Platinum for **Dvorska Šoškić, Haiku, Plešivica, Continental, Croatia 2019** made with Riesling and Manzoni Bianco. Rosé wines also came out strong in the competition with one Best in Show (**Hacienda López De Haro, Classica Rosado 2009**), two Platinum and and nine Gold, with four of the Gold from Provence.

Visit awards.decanter.com for a full list of winners.

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The DWWA Co-Chairs and key spokespeople are available for interviews, please use the contact details below to arrange.

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How the DWWA judging process works: [Decanter World Wine Awards: Journey of the bottle](#)

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 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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