



LES CITADELLES DU VIN
RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

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GREAT COMPETITION OF THE WORLD'S WINES
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Regulation

ARTICLE 1 : OBJECTIVES

LES CITADELLES DU VIN, international wine competition is organised in order to :

- Enhance the promotion of quality wines,
- Encourage their production and their reasonable consumption as a factor of civilisation,
- Enhance public awareness of the typical features of wines produced in different countries,
- Raise the technical and scientific level of the participants,
- Contribute to the expansion of wine culture.

ARTICLE 2 : PRODUCTS ACCEPTED FOR THE COMPETITION

The competition is open to all wines, special wines and dessert wines, brandies and marc spirits of the member states of the EU, crafted in compliance with European Union regulations, and to the same products from countries outside the EU, crafted in compliance with the applicable legislation in the country of production.

Each product is to bear the name of its country of origin where the grapes were harvested and made into wine. All products must be presented as they are for sale in containers with a volume less than or equal to two litres. All samples must be presented in bottles with their original labelling and presentation.

Article 3 : HOW TO REGISTER

By MARCH 5 at the latest, each participant must fill in and send (by post or on line) a registration form (properly completed) corresponding to the product entered along with the duly completed payment form and cheque / bank transfer (registration by post) or credit card (registration on line).

The name or trade name indicated in the «IDENTIFICATION OF THE PARTICIPANT» section will be the name indicated on the diploma, on the award-winners list, and in any correspondence.

Incomplete forms will not be taken into account, and the wines will not be presented for tasting.

Registration fees amount :

On line:

A decreasing price (excl.VAT):

-€159 for 1 product presented,

-€149 by product, for 2 products presented,

-€ 139 by product, from 3 products presented.

Payment by credit card.

By post:

A decreasing price (excl.VAT):

-€ 169 for 1 product presented,

-€ 159 by product, for 2 products presented,

-€ 149 by product, from 3 products presented.

Payment by cheque or bank transfer.

This money is due when the wines are entered.

Samples will be admitted to the contest only if the registration fee has been paid.

In accordance with European legislation, the organiser of an international event held in France is obliged to integrate in the cost of services 19.6% in VAT for all participants, including those located in the European Union which do not have a VAT number.

An invoice will be sent by return to each participant.

All fees paid upon registration of entries are non-refundable, whatever the reason for the cancellation of a registration by the participant or by the organisers except in instances mentioned in the last paragraph of article 12.

Article 4 : SAMPLES

The samples presented:

must come from a homogeneous batch with a minimum volume of:

- 5,000 bottles for wines (please contact us if your batch is smaller than the indicated quantity)

- 1,000 bottles for spirits

must already be bottled in containers of less than or equal to two litres and fitted with a non-reusable closure.

may not exceed 2 entries for a given commercial identity in the same category, appellation or denomination.

For each entry, participants must send, before MARCH 20:

- 6 BOTTLES of 0.75 l for WINE

- 2 BOTTLES of 0.70 l for SPIRITS

or the equivalent thereof, totalling a minimum volume of 4.5 litres for wine and 1.5 litres for spirits.

The bottles must be labelled (with their definitive label). The labelling of the products crafted in the member states of the EU must comply with European Union regulations. For countries outside the EU, labelling must comply with the applicable legislation in the country of origin.

The samples have to be sent with an analysis certificate and a copy of claim statement (EU member States) for each wine registered.

Samples must be sent CARRIAGE PAID (all carriage costs, customs duty and taxes for the sender's account) using the shipment form to the following address: LES CITADELLES DU VIN - Rue Ulysse Lainé - 33710 Bourg - France

Indicate the name of the sender on the consignment, with the specification : «SAMPLES FOR COMPETITION - NO COMMERCIAL VALUE».

In the case of shipment by air, indicate on the AIRWAY BILL in the box for «accounting information»: FREE HOUSE DELIVERY (DUTY AND TAX INCLUDED). All samples received without any registration (art. 3) shall remain the property of LES CITADELLES DU VIN.

Article 5 : CLASSIFICATION OF WINES, SORTING OF SAMPLES

Once the samples have been checked, based on the registration forms and on the analysis reports to ensure that they are correctly registered in the appropriate category, they will be presented to the juries in decreasing vintage order, taking their aromatic intensity into account.

Article 6 : CONFORMITY OF SAMPLES

The organisers reserve the right to have the conformity of samples sent to the competition checked at any location they see fit by technicians approved by the association's board of directors.

Article 7 : APPOINTMENT OF JURY MEMBERS

The technical committee will appoint jury members and committee members.

The samples are tasted and evaluated by international juries, the number of which is determined based on the number and on the type of wines entered for the competition.

Each jury shall consist of 5 members, each representing a leading wine-consuming country. The number of jury members may under no circumstances be less than five. The number of French members may not exceed two per jury.

The expert compiles a report on the progress of the competition. On the basis of this report or of any other information, the O.I.V. may withdraw its approval before the scheduled date.

Article 8 : SPECIAL AWARDS

A number of Special Awards are attributed each year according to the decision of LES CITADELLES DU VIN: type of product, country, appellation, etc. These awards are attributed to the wines, which obtained the best result of their category after the first or second tasting. There has to be at least 10 samples submitted by country.

Article 9 : AWARDS

The technical committee shall award trophies to those samples with the best scores.

The number of awards may not exceed one third of the number of samples entered in the competition.

No prize may be awarded if less than 3 different samples are entered for the competition or for a given category. By «different», it should be understood that the samples must be entered by 3 separate competitors. The winner can choose if he wants to see his result on the prize-list booklet or not.

Article 10 : NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS

Each participant will be advised by letter of the results of the competition. This letter is the only official document certifying that an award has been won. It will specify the nature of the award, the exact identity of the product and the volume declared, together with the name and address of the holder according to the information provided on the registration form.

A diploma will be issued to award-winners as proof of the award.

The following will be offered for sale to the declared owner of the award-winning product:

TROPHY STICKERS

TROPHY REPRODUCTION RIGHTS ON ADVERTS OR BOTTLE LABEL

Award-winners wishing to reproduce the STICKER TROPHY of LES CITADELLES DU VIN on their label or on any other medium must apply for this right "Reproduction Trophy Sticker".

Mention of the award may be made only by the above means. Counterfeiting is strictly forbidden and may be subject to prosecution (art. L716-9, L716-10 and L716-11).

The number of trophy stickers issued for one and the same award-winning product may not exceed the equivalent volume of 75 cl bottles from which the declared sample was taken. Samples shall be sent at the time of the notification of awards with an order form, valid for 1 year.

Article 11 : LEGAL AND CONTRACTUAL TERMS

The technical committee reserves the right to have award-winning samples analysed by an approved laboratory and thereafter to take any such steps as it may consider appropriate. One bottle of each award-winning wine with its analysis report shall be kept for one year and remain available to the control services. After that date, the bottles, as well as the samples which did not win an award, may be used for promotional or training purposes.

The author is legally responsible for the information given on the registration form. The Technical Committee may verify the truthfulness of such information by any legal means, particularly as regards the conformity of the marketed product with the control sample retained by the committee.

In the event of claims or litigation with LES CITADELLES DU VIN, irrespective of the nationality of the parties involved, the Bordeaux law courts shall have sole jurisdiction.

Only texts in French are official for all documents drafted by the competition organisers.

Article 12 : CASES OF FORCE MAJEURE

If an unforeseen event should prevent the competition from taking place as planned, the commission cannot be held responsible. Should a case of force majeure occur, thereby preventing the competition from going ahead as originally intended, the organisers will do everything in their power to organise a tasting within 8 weeks.

If this does not happen, contestants are not entitled to claim any damages whatsoever other than a refund of their registration fees.



Since 1976, selection and promotion of the best wines from around the world.