



Effervescents du Monde®

International competition between the Best Sparkling Wines in the World

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EFFERVESCENTS DU MONDE® 2016: THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATION OF SPARKLING WINES

EFFERVESCENTS DU MONDE® 2017

November 15-17,
2017 in Dijon

2016 RESULTS

The results are posted at:
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CERTIFICATION

The Effervescents du Monde® competition was certified by the DGCCRF (French consumer-protection agency) and by the EU on 21 May 2003.

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The 14th international confrontation of the world's best sparkling wines, **Effervescents du Monde®**, organized by Forum Œnologie, was held on 16, 17 and 18 November 2016 in "the Castel" Pavilion, teen house of the famous Gustave Eiffel, today Lycée Le Castel culinary school in Dijon (Burgundy), France. This event is unique in terms of its scope, its method and therefore its ambition:

International in scope

- 24 countries
- 540 wines
- More than 100 international expert judges

A strict method

- Compliance with the international wine competition rules and strict application of the ISO 9002 Quality Assurance standard.
- Guaranteed implementation of scoring criteria for international competitions.
- Rigorous selection of the panel of expert judges, based on experience, diversity of backgrounds, professionalism, determination of their sensorial profile and training in tasting methodology.

- Annual assessment and grading of each taster.
- Faultless, quality-driven organisation: limitation of the number of wines per judge, ideal tasting conditions (sensory isolation, proper tasting rhythm, etc.) and secure computer processing of results.
- Differentiated analysis of the foam (visual) and the effervescence (tactile) of wines.

Ambition

To award reliable and representative medals each year, reflecting the founding motto of the **Effervescents du Monde®** competition: diversity, quality and high standards.

After three days of work, the judges awarded a total of **179 medals**.

Medal Breakdown

Gold Medals	34
Silver Medals	145



Leading Quality Indicator

TOP 10* BEST SPARKLING WINES FROM EFFERVESCENTS DU MONDE® 2016

Medal	Countries	Wine	Winery
 Médaille d'Or	 France	Crémant d'Alsace Bestheim Grand Prestige Rosé 2014	Bestheim
	 France	Champagne d'Armanville Brut	Chassenay d'Arce
	 France	Crémant de Bourgogne Veuve Ambal – Grande Réserve Brut	Veuve Ambal
	 Portugal	Alentejo Doc Cartuxa Evora Reserva Bruto 2010	Fundacao Eugenio de Almeida
	 France	Champagne Pierre Moncuit Vieilles Vignes Nicole Moncuit Brut 2005	SCEV Champagne Pierre Moncuit
	 France	Crémant de Bourgogne Levert Frères Blanc de Noir Brut 2014	SAS Compagnie Vinicole de Bourgogne
	 Italy	Radegonda Spumante Rosato Brut 2015	Terre di San Venanzio Fortunato SRL
	 France	Champagne Bardoux Père et Fils Blanc de Blancs Brut Premier Cru 2010	Champagne Bardoux Père et Fils
	 Spain	Valencia Do Estrella de Murviedro Frizzante	Bodegas Murviedro SA
	 Brazil	Ponto Nero Blanc de Blancs Brut	Domno Do Brasil Industria E Comercio Bebidas LTD
	 France	Crémant d'Alsace Wolfberger Brut - GSJ 27-1	Wolfberger
	 France	VMQ Brut Dargent Blanc de Blancs Chardonnay Brut 2015	La Maison du Vigneron
	 France	Champagne Cordeuil Millésimé Brut 2011	EARL Salima Et Alain / Champagne Cordeuil
	 South Africa	Boschendal Methode Cap Classique Chardonnay Pinot Noir Brut	DGB Ltd

* Some wines are rigorously equal thus the Top 10 2016 includes 14 wines.



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2016 HIGHLIGHTS

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

	Argentina
	Australia
	Belgium
	Brazil
	Bulgaria
	Canada
	Chile
	Denmark
	England
	France
	Germany
	Greece
	Hungary
	Italy
	Moldavia
	Peru
	Portugal
	Roumania
	Slovakia
	Slovenia
	South Africa
	Spain
	Switzerland
	Ukraine

Top 10 ranking

The Top 10 ranking has a strong international diversity: South-Africa, Brazil, France, Italy, Portugal and Spain. Four Champagnes are positioned in the Top 10 (Armanville Brut, Pierre Moncuit Vieilles Vignes Nicole Moncuit Brut 2005, Bardoux Père et fils Blanc de Blancs Brut Premier Cru 2010, Cordeuil Millésimé Brut 2011). There are also four Crémants: two Burgundy (Veuve Ambal Grande Réserve Brut, Levert Frères Blanc de Noir Brut 2014) and two Alsace (Bestheim Grand Prestige Rosé 2014, Wolfberger Brut). One Crémant d'Alsace reaches the top of the ranking, witness to the increasing quality of the Rosé sparkling wine (Crémant d'Alsace Bestheim Grand Prestige Rosé 2014).

Geographical Diversity

Wide representation from all the sparkling wine regions (AOC) in France, as well as from the major highquality standard sparkling wine (VMQ) and sparkling wine (VM) producers. The entries included wines made both with and without aromatic varieties, using traditional, ancestral or Charmat-type closed-tank methods. 50% of the wines in the competition were from France, split evenly between Champagne and non-Champagne.

There was also strong participation from England, South Africa, Chile, Spain, Italy, Brazil, Hungary, Portugal and Switzerland.

In France, the areas of Alsace, Loire Valley, Limoux, Burgundy, Champagne Appellation and the standard Sparkling Wine (VMQ) are significantly represented.

There was a high level of diversity in the sensorial qualities of wines

Some real discoveries were made, thanks to the tasting of rosé and red sparkling wines made with the traditional method, wines made with the ancestral method, sparkling wines made from aromatic varieties and sparkling ice wines. Low-alcohol sparkling wines also drew notice. According to the expert judges, the wines displayed extraordinary variety and richness, with complex flavours and a great deal of finesse.

Red and Rosé AOC, VMQ and VM sparklings wines strongly increased their presence; they also won beautiful medals.

A high-quality award list

With 24 countries, this international competition offered one of the strongest concentration of geographical sparkling wine diversity.

The international expert judges observe a clear improvement of the quality for almost all the wines productions for AOC designation and Quality Sparkling Wines (VMQ).

News english tasters joined the expert judges of Effervescents du Monde®. In strong growth since 2004, England has today more than 1.200 hectares of vineyards, mainly intended to product sparkling wines.

In 2016, Brazil, England, Spain, Italy and Switzerland obtain many medals. These countries are very closely followed by Portugal, Hungary and Slovakia.

France obtains very many medals thanks to the strong and very noticed participation of Champagnes, Alsace and Burgundy Crémants, the Loire Valley Appellation and also of the standard Sparkling Wine (VMQ).

UNIQUE TRAINING SESSION

« Sensory evaluation and rating of sparkling wines in the context of international competitions »

- **Module 1:**
Still wines – Chardonnay wine's grape variety
– Place: The Paul Bocuse Institute, Ecully (69)
– Dates 2017: January 31, February 1st or March 7
- **Module 2:**
Sparkling wines – Bubbles, foam and effervescence evaluation
– Place: Culinary College Le Castel, Dijon (21)
– Date 2017: November 14, 2017

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