



France Tops the Table at International Wine Challenge 2024



International Wine Challenge Red Winemaker of the Year 2024, Laurent Delaunay
Credit: Antoine Martel

The [International Wine Challenge](#), the world's most influential, impartial and rigorously judged global wine competition, has announced the ten highest scoring French wines in its 2024 competition.

In its 40th year, the International Wine Challenge awarded medals to 38 countries following an intensive blind tasting by a global panel of experts. France proved its winemaking prowess once again as the top performing country in this year's challenge, taking home four of ten Champion Wine and Winemaker awards.

French wines judged best in show at IWC 2024:

Edouard Delaunay Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru 2021	IWC Champion Red Wine 2024, International Pinot Noir Trophy, French Red Trophy, Burgundy Red Trophy, Charmes-Chambertin Trophy
Rare Champagne Rare Millésime Magnum 2008	IWC Champion Sparkling Wine 2024 - Daniel Thibault Trophy, Champagne Trophy, Vintage Classic Blend Champagne Trophy
Maison Albert Bichot Hospices de Beaune Cuvée Baudot Meursault 1er Cru Genevrières 2022	French White Trophy, Burgundy White Trophy, Meursault Trophy

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La Chablisienne Chablis 1er Cru Vaulorent 2022	Chablis Trophy, Chablis Premier Cru Trophy
Château de Tracy Les 101 Rangs 2019	International Sauvignon Blanc Trophy, Loire Trophy, Pouilly-Fumé Trophy
Michel Tissot & Fils Château-Chalon Vin Jaune 2016	Jura Trophy
Les Domaines Paul Mas Château Crès Ricards Oenothera 2022	Languedoc Red Trophy
Maison Delas Frères Domaine des Tourettes 2021	Rhone Red Trophy, Hermitage Trophy
Domaine Ruet Côte de Brouilly 2022	Beaujolais Trophy
Château Paquette Angélico 2023	Provence Rosé Trophy

For the second year in a row, Burgundy producer **Edouard Delaunay** took home the prestigious title of IWC Champion Red Wine. This adds to the four trophies already awarded to its Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru 2021. With a total of 26 medals and nine trophies under its belt, Edouard Delaunay is the most highly awarded producer in this year's competition and its winemaker Laurent Delaunay took home the ultimate accolade of IWC Red Winemaker of the Year.

For the third year in a row, **Rare Champagne** was awarded IWC Champion Sparkling Wine. This year, the trophy went to its Millésime Magnum 2008, which impressed judges with its "fine glistening fresh acidity and gorgeous pastry cream and hazelnut softness."

Over 500 French whites were awarded medals in this year's challenge but it was **Maison Albert Bichot** that took home the French White Trophy for its "layered and complex" Hospices de Beaune Cuvée Baudot Meursault 1er Cru Genevrières 2022. Over the past five years, the Burgundy producer has won eleven trophies, 33 Gold, 21 Silver and 6 Bronze medals – and not a single unawarded wine – earning it the prestigious IWC Trophy for Consistency over 5 years.

La Chablisienne won 18 medals in this year's competition as well as all three trophies awarded to Chablis. Its Chablis 1er Cru Vaulorent 2022, described by judges as "showing power but also delicacy" was awarded the Chablis Premier Cru Trophy and the Chablis Trophy, and winemaker Estelle Roy took home the prestigious title of IWC White Winemaker of the Year.

Pouilly-Fumé producer **Château de Tracy** beat wines from over twenty countries to be named the best Sauvignon Blanc in the world. The trophy went to its Les 101 Rangs 2019 which judges described as "long, elegant and memorable," exclaiming over its nose: "if only all Sauvignon Blancs smelt like this!"

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While Burgundy claimed more medals than any other French region, there was a broad regional spread in the top 10 French wines, with wines from Champagne, Loire, Jura, Languedoc Roussillon, Rhône, Beaujolais and Provence all earning a place on the list.

The full list of Trophy and Champion winners at the 2024 International Wine Challenge announced on 9th July can be viewed [here](#).

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

In its 40th year, the International Wine Challenge is widely acknowledged as the world's most rigorous, impartial, influential and global wine competition. The IWC assesses every wine 'blind' and judges each for its faithfulness to style, region and vintage. Awards include medals (Gold, Silver, Bronze) and Commended awards. Trophies are awarded to the very best wines in each category. The International Wine Challenge is committed to helping consumers discover great wine, and the medals offer a trusted guarantee of quality.

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