



## **International Wine Challenge 2024 announces award winning wines from 38 countries**



The [International Wine Challenge](#), the world's most influential, impartial and rigorously judged global wine competition, has announced the results of its 2024 competition, marking its 40<sup>th</sup> year. Medals were awarded to 38 winemaking countries following a blind tasting by an international panel of experts last month. While France, Australia and Spain remained top of the medal table, niche wine producing countries England, Georgia, Japan, Canada, Romania, Ukraine and India all saw an increase in the number of medals awarded.

The full list of medal and trophy winners in the 2024 International Wine Challenge can be viewed [here](#).

**France on winning streak with most highly awarded winemaker**

France continued its winning streak, winning the highest number of medals in each category with 72 Gold, 394 Silver and 455 Bronze; an increase of 84 more medals than last year.

Highlights:

- The **International Pinot Noir Trophy** was awarded to Edouard Delaunay for the 9<sup>th</sup> time in a row, with his wine Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, 2021, making him the most highly awarded winemaker in the competition with seven other trophies to his name, including **French Red Trophy, Burgundy Red Trophy, Chambolle Musigny Trophy, Charmes Chambertin Trophy, Corton Trophy** and the **Nuits St Georges Trophy**.
- The **International Sauvignon Blanc Trophy** was awarded to Loire Valley for the first time since 2017, with Château de Tracy winning back the trophy with its Les 101 Rangs 2019.
- This year saw the IWC introduce several new regional trophies, including the **Provence Rosé Trophy** which was won by Château Paquette Angélico, 2023 in its debut year.
- The **Chablis Grand Cru Trophy, Chablis Premier Cru Trophy** and **Chablis Trophy** were all won by La Chablisienne which also won five Gold medals as well as a further 13 Silver and Bronze medals.

### **Spain, Portugal, Italy & Austria – European countries secured four out of the top five highest medal rankings in the competition**

With France in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Spain, Portugal and Italy took 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place in the highest medal rankings at this year's competition.

Spain remained in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the medal rankings with 34 Gold medals, 207 Silver and 215 Bronze, with Jerez winning 22 out of the 34 Gold medals. Rioja was the winning region, with a total of 138 medals awarded, the most of all the regions. Spain has also seen a rise in medal wins for sparkling wines, gaining 46 medals this year, compared to 39 last year.

Portugal too increased its medal count, winning 33 Gold, 175 Silver and 195 Bronze, ranking in 4<sup>th</sup> place on the medal table. Portugal won 11 trophies for its fortified wine as well as one for still wine.

Italy won 337 medals in total and came in 5<sup>th</sup> place, winning medals for orange wines for the first time in the competition's history.

Austria gained an extra 11 medals on last year, taking its total for 2024 to 101 with 10 more Gold medals than 2023.

Highlights:

- The **Spanish Red Trophy** was won by Bodegas Valdemar, Balcón de Pilatos Maturana, 2020, resulting in Rioja claiming the prestigious title for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.
- The **Spanish White Trophy** was won by a Galician winery for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row with Bodegas Pazo de Villarei, Albariño, 2023 taking the top prize.
- Quinta da Terrincha, Tinto, 2021 from the historical Douro vineyards won the **Portuguese Red Trophy**.
- The **Italian White Trophy** was awarded to Borgo Savaian di Stefano Bastiani for its Aransat, 2022 orange wine, having also won the new **Italian Skin Contact Trophy**.
- The **Italian Red Trophy** was awarded to a wine made from the Lagrein grape variety native to the South Tyrol with CAVIT taking home the prize with its Bottega Vinai Lagrein Trentino, 2021.
- Austria was awarded the **International Riesling Trophy** for Petra Unger's Ried Gaisberg 1ÖTW Kremstal Reserve Riesling, 2022.

## **Global recognition for New World Wines with International Trophies for Australia, New Zealand, Argentina**

Australia continued its streak as the top new world country in terms of medals with 54 Gold, 250 Silver and 154 Bronze ranking it in 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind France. Australia also came 2<sup>nd</sup> to France in terms of overall trophies, winning a total of 19, 10 of which were from South Australia.

New Zealand also proved its dominance on the international winemaking scene, claiming two out of seven of the International Varietal Trophies for Syrah and Chardonnay.

Despite a growing number of Malbec entries from countries all over the world, Argentina continued its winning streak as the only country in IWC history to have won the International Malbec Trophy.

### Highlights:

- Shaw + Smith was awarded the **Australian Red Trophy** for its Balhannah Vineyard Shiraz, 2021.
- Having won the **International Cabernet Sauvignon Trophy** for the first time in over a decade last year, Australia reasserted its dominance in Cabernet Sauvignon production with Robert Oatley claiming the title for The Pennant Cabernet Sauvignon, 2018.
- The **International Syrah Trophy** was won by Kennedy Point Vineyard with its 2021 Syrah, reinstating New Zealand's increasing expertise with this grape variety, having also claimed the title from France last year.

- Church Road was on a winning streak and was awarded the **New Zealand Red Trophy** for its Church Road 1 Merlot, and it also won the **International Chardonnay Trophy** with its Grand Reserve Chardonnay, 2021.
- The **International Malbec Trophy** was won by Argentina for its Bodega Dante Robino, Gran Dante Malbec, 2021.

## **Emerging wine regions England, Canada, Georgia, Japan, Romania, Ukraine and India increasing in recognition winning more medals than ever**

The improving quality of wine around the globe is evident in this year's results, with many countries gaining more medals than ever before.

England has seen a rise in medals with 13 Gold, 54 Silver and 58 Bronze, having climbed up the medal table to 9<sup>th</sup> place this year from 10<sup>th</sup> last year.

Canada gained 14 more medals than last year, with 3 Gold, 27 Silver and 29 Bronze. The Niagara Peninsula was the standout region winning 46 of the medals, compared to the 28 medals it won last year.

Georgia also won more medals this year, in particular the Kakheti region which won 48 out of the 51 medals awarded to Georgia with most wines awarded being skin-contact white or red.

Japan has won its most ever Gold medals for wine with two going to Chardonnays, both won by Takahata Winery, and one going to a Kosu wine.

Other countries with significant gains were Romania with 12 more medals than last year, including 5 Silver and 13 Bronze, giving them a total of 18 medals. Ukraine saw an increase from just 1 medal last year to 8 this year, 7 Bronze and 1 Silver. India also gained an extra 3 medals with 5 Bronze medals awarded.

### Highlights:

- The **English Sparkling Trophy** was awarded to Wiston Estate, Library Collection Blanc de Blancs, 2010 and Gusbourne was awarded the **English Red Trophy** for its Pinot Noir, 2022.
- The Niagara Peninsula was the only region to win a trophy from Canada, with the **Canadian Ice Wine Trophy** going to Lakeview Wine, Vidal Icewine, 2021
- Vazisubani Estate, Kisi Qvevri, 2021 won the **Georgian White Trophy**, the second White Trophy in the competition to be awarded to a white wine with skin contact.
- The **Japanese White Trophy** was won by Takahata Winery, La Clôture Electrique en Kamiwada Chardonnay, 2022.

The full list of 2024 International Wine Challenge award winners released on 16<sup>th</sup> May can be seen [here](#). The IWC Champion Wines for 2024, which are selected following a

re-tasting by the IWC Co-Chairs of all the trophy-winning wines, will be revealed at the IWC 2024 Awards announcement on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

**The International Wine Challenge**

In its 40<sup>th</sup> year, the International Wine Challenge is widely acknowledged as the world's most rigorous, impartial, influential and global wine competition. The International Wine Challenge 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 displayed on winning bottles offer a trusted guarantee of quality.

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**International Wine Challenge Results 2024: Medal Summary Table, ranked by total medals**

Country	Total Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Commended
France	921	72	394	455	353
Australia	458	54	250	154	107
Spain	456	34	207	215	217
Portugal	403	33	175	195	187
Italy	337	15	129	193	226
New Zealand	254	23	109	122	90
South Africa	222	15	102	105	95
Argentina	160	11	78	71	75
England	125	13	54	58	49
Chile	104	3	36	65	58
Austria	101	24	48	29	10
Canada	59	3	27	29	21
Croatia	56		19	37	42
Georgia	51	7	28	16	12
Japan	51	3	14	34	28
Turkey	32		15	17	30
Greece	31	1	19	11	3
USA	31	1	10	20	13
Germany	27	4	16	7	6

<b>Moldova</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>China</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Brazil</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Romania</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>North Macedonia</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Lebanon</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Hungary</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Uruguay</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>India</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Peru</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Sweden</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>2</b>	
<b>China - Taiwan</b>					<b>3</b>
<b>Andorra</b>					<b>2</b>
<b>Colombia</b>					<b>2</b>
<b>Egypt</b>					<b>2</b>