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### Sweet Success for Italy at International Wine Challenge 2024



Tenuta Di Capezzana, winner of IWC Champion Sweet Wine 2024 - Alois Kracher Trophy

The [International Wine Challenge](#), the world's most influential, impartial and rigorously judged global wine competition, has announced the six highest scoring Italian wines in its 2024 competition, with wines from Tuscany, Sardinia, Veneto and Trentino-Alto Adige all making the list.

In its 40<sup>th</sup> year, the International Wine Challenge awarded medals to 38 countries following an intensive blind tasting by a global panel of experts. Italy came fifth for medals overall, with six Italian wines being awarded coveted trophies. The country also claimed one of five Champion trophies with a Vinsanto from Tuscany being recognised as the best sweet wine in the world.

#### Italian wines judged best in show at International Wine Challenge 2024:

Tenuta Di Capezzana Vinsanto di Carmignano Capezzana Riserva 2016	IWC Champion Sweet Wine 2024 - Alois Kracher Trophy, Italian Sweet Trophy
Borgo Savaian di Stefano Bastiani Aransat 2022	Italian White Trophy, Italian Skin Contact Trophy
Silvio Carta Vernaccia di Oristano Riserva 2006	Italian Fortified Trophy
Inama Azienda Agricola Foscarino 2021	Soave Trophy

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CAVIT Bottega Vinai Lagrein Trentino 2021	Italian Red Trophy
Bisol1542 Cartizze dry, Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartizze 2023	Italian Sparkling Trophy

This year's star of the show was **Tenuta Di Capezzana's** Vinsanto di Carmignano Capezzana Riserva 2016 which claimed back the prestigious title of IWC Champion Sweet Wine from Germany. This Vinsanto has won the trophy three times previously, in 2022, 2021 and 2019.

Over 160 Italian whites were awarded medals in this year's challenge but it was the Aransat 2022, a skin contact wine from **Borgo Savaian di Stefano Bastiani**, that took home the Italian White Trophy. This is the first time in IWC history that a skin contact wine has won this trophy. Judges described Aransat as "very classy," praising its "enticing mandarin orange, quince and yellow apple favours."

The introduction of the Italian Fortified Trophy in 2024 is proof that Italy's fortified wine can compete on the international stage. This trophy went to Sardinian producer **Silvio Carta** for its "challenging, complex and unusual" Vernaccia di Oristano Riserva 2006, which judges described as "a real treat."

Soave was the only Italian sub-region to gain its own trophy with the Soave Trophy going to **Inama Azienda Agricola** for its Foscari 2021. Judges enjoyed the "subtle saffron and wild herb aromas" and "mouth-watering finish."

Of the 142 Italian reds awarded medals in this year's challenge, the top spot went to a wine made from the Lagrein grape variety native to the South Tyrol. **CAVIT** won the Italian Red Trophy for its "earthy, savoury" Bottega Vinai Lagrein Trentino 2021. This cooperative group took home an additional 10 medals for its red, white and sparkling wines.

Veneto producer **Bisol1542** won the Italian Sparkling Trophy for its Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartizze 2023, which judges described as "fresh frothy and floral with a lovely Glera quality of stone fruits and citrus."

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

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

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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 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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