

## XVIII INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL COMPETITION "CITTÀ DEL VINO"

### International Wine City Challenge

*(With the SPARKLES WINE FORUM and BIO DIVINO)*

2019

### REGULATION

#### Art. 1 – ORGANISATION

The Italian Association "Città del Vino" in cooperation with RECEVIN (the European Network of the Cities of Wine), the international Federation Iter Vitis (European Cultural route), the Municipalities of Valdobbiadene (TV), Città del Bio, UIV (Unione Italiana Vini), CI.VIN srl SRL, with the scientific support of the "Organization International de la Vigne e du Vin", organise the XVIII INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE "CITTÀ DEL VINO" (International Wine City Challenge) **that will be held in FRASCATI (Rome, Lazio) on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 (Wines has to be sent to: (Concorso Enologico Città del Vino c/o Mura del Valadier, Via del Castello 21 - 00044 Frascati (RM)).**

The National Association "Città del Vino", RECEVIN (the European Network of the Cities of Wine) and the international Federation Iter Vitis will be supported by other Associations or National and International Entities active for the economic valorisation of the "Città del Vino" territories and related wineries of quality.

#### Art. 2 – AIMS

The XVIII INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE "CITTÀ DEL VINO" with the SPARKLING WINE FORUM aim to:

- improve **high quality wine and their territories**, in respect of tradition, produced in Europe, in the **RECEVIN** territories, in the Cities of the National Associations of "Città del Vino" and in the world wine cities and communities, in order to sponsor them also through the modern communication tools;
- recognize the most characteristic **sparkling wines**, coming from different European regions and support the effort of the sparkling wine producers to constantly improve the quality of their products;
- to enhance the value of **organic wines**, as foreseen in the executive Regulation (UE) n. 203/2012 of the Commission (8<sup>th</sup> March 2012);
- to let the public know the characteristics of wines and grapes of different countries, helping the consumer to have a reference, through a selection criterion and confidence, to have a more complex and conscious offer;
- support the Mayors of each Municipality with a strong vocation for wine, in their key role as promoter of local economic development.

#### Art. 3 – REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARTICIPATION

The participation to the XVIII INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE "CITTÀ DEL VINO" (with the SPARKLING WINE FORUM and BIO DIVINO) is reserved to wines presented by all kind of Wineries registered in Europe in the **RECEVIN Associated Municipalities or situated in municipalities with a strong vocation for wine, either within or out the EU.**

**Wines that can join the competition shall be: for the European wines, they must have a protected designation of origin and a protected geographical indication, for wines coming from third countries they must have a geographical indication, and quality sparkling wines.**

As it is an International Competition, the amount of foreign wines shall not be less than 20% of the total.

The participation to the "CITTÀ DEL VINO" Wine Challenge (with the SPARKLING WINE FORUM and BIO DIVINO) is reserved to bottled wine, obtained by grapes produced in vineyards owned and/or operated by the participating Winery. Participating wines to the **XVIII INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE "CITTÀ DEL VINO"** (with the SPARKLING WINE FORUM and BIO DIVINO) come **from the same lot**, whose **minimum quantitative**, estimated in 0,75 L bottles, **corresponds to 1.000. A lower volume, but larger than 100 litres can be admitted if the production is particularly restrained.** 0,375 lt, 0,50 lt and 0,75 lt bottles are admitted.

Bottles shall be labelled in compliance with the current rules.

To the selection of wines are not admitted the wines presented by single producers or associated, who were summoned in the past for fraud or sophistications.

#### **Art. 4 – CLASSIFICATION OF WINES**

The "CITTÀ DEL VINO" Wine Challenge (with the SPARKLING WINE FORUM and BIO DIVINO) is reserved to fine wines:

- dry white wines IGP, DOP (Protected Indication of Origin and Protected Denomination of Origin) from the 2018 harvests;
- dry white wines IGP, DOP from the 2017 and previous harvests;
- dry rosé wines IGP, DOP from the 2018 harvests;
- dry rosé wines IGP, DOP from the 2017 and previous harvests;
- dry red wines IGP, DOP from the 2018 harvests;
- dry red wines IGP, DOP from the 2017 and previous harvests;
- Sparkling dry wines IGP, DOP ;
- Sparkling sweet wines, IGP, DOP;
- Champenoise method for Quality Sparkling Wines and IGP
- Tank Method Sparkling Wine QSW and IGP
- DOP Sparkling wines
- Sweet sparkling wines Quality Aromatic Sparkling Wines, QSW and IGP;
- Passito Wines IGP and DOP
- Liquor wines IGP and DOP
- Sweet Wines IGP and DOP

For the classification and the examination of the abovementioned designations we will refer to the EU definitions.

The Association will reserve the faculty to modify the categories in relation to the number of the participating samples.

#### **Art. 5 – ITER VITIS AWARD**

By virtue of the participation of the International Federation "Iter Vitis, Les Chemins de la Vigne", a section of the Competition will be dedicated this year to Kosher wines, in the same categories mentioned above (Article 4). The best wine selected will have the recognition "Grand Prix Iter Vitis 2019".

The International Association "Iter Vitis" will recognize a special award even to the "Best Wine in Challenge".

#### **Art. 6 - ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

The **ORGANISING COMMITTEE** is composed by members named by the European Network of the Cities of Wine (RECEVIN), the Italian Association "Città del Vino", (the Municipality of Valdobbiadene and Città del Bio) and CI.VIN srl.

The Organising Committee shall supervise the implementation of the initiative. The Organising Committee shall be supported by a Notary and a Lawyer, external to the winery sector, or by a Public Official, checking the regularity of all operations reported in the current regulation.

**The Organising Committee reserve its right to modify the date of the event and this Regulation, upon agreement of the Ministry in charge, at any needed time.**

#### **Art. 7 – THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

The Scientific and Technical Committee is chaired by Prof. Vincenzo Gerbi, Professor of Oenology at Turin University. It is composed by: Paolo Benvenuti, Director of "Città del Vino", the Italian Association of Wine Cities; Josè Arruda, Secretary of AMPV; Rosario Hernandez, Director of Acevin; Paolo Corbini and Nicola Sesto technical managers of the Competition.

#### **Art. 8 – CONDITIONS**

Wineries that wish to take part to the **XVIII INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE "CITTÀ DEL VINO"** (with the SPARKLING WINE FORUM and BIO DIVINO) can apply before 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019, by following the online procedure:

**1. with the payment of 80,00 € for every sample, by following the online guided procedure on [www.cittadelvino.it](http://www.cittadelvino.it), with the payment (with PayPal or Bank transfer to: **CI.VIN** srl (Service Company of "Città del Vino") **IBAN IT33W0888514201000000032086 Banca Cras Agenzia 1 di Siena SWIFT ICRAITRROL0 (last letter is a "zero")****

2. Inscription procedure is binding to the payment of the inscription fee and the delivery of samples in the time allowed. No refund is previewed, in case the winery send wines with delay or didn't send them at all. (see ART. 8 - RESPONSABILITIES). The payments relating to the registered samples must be made by the date of delivery of the same, as required by the current Regulation. The samples not paid at the time of the competition will not be tasted. If a company is already liable to the organizing body for non-payd samples referred to a previous edition, they will not be able to register for the new edition of the competition if they have not fully paid their debts.

#### **WINE SAMPLES HAVE TO BE SENT:**

**By 5.00 p.m of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to:**

**Comune di Frascati, Concorso enologico "Città del Vino" c/o Mura del Valadier, Via del Castello 21 – 00044 Frascati (Rm).**

**(FROM the 2<sup>nd</sup> OF MAY 2019)**

**TO BE DELIVERED for each participating batch:**

- certification as IGP or DOP, released by the Controlling Body, attesting the origin and designation of the wine;
  - self-certification of the sampling and correspondence of the same to the batch indicated in the application form for Italian and Non-Italian Wineries.
  - The participating Winery shall allow access in its own premises to the personnel eventually sent by the Organising Committee to do the sampling;
  - **Nr. 6 0,75 L bottles from the same lot.** In alternative, only for dessert wines, 12 0,375 L bottles, On the wine package must be written: **Non commercial sample sent for the INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE "CITTÀ DEL VINO";**
  - certification of analysis also released by the laboratory of the cellar, attesting at least the following parameters:
    1. alcohol by volume at 20°C;
    2. sugar content;
    3. total acidity in g/l expressed as tartaric acid or sulphuric acid;
    4. volatile acidity per mil;
    5. total sulphuric dioxide;
    6. free sulphur dioxide;
    7. pressure in case of "Spumanti" wines.
- Certification of organic wine, released by a recognized certification body (only for the organic wines).

The certification must report the name of the Winery and the participating wine with all useful characteristics for the identification of the sample.

The Organising Committee will carry internal analysis of confrontation and control.

**Art. 9 – RESPONSIBILITY**

The Organisers disclaim all responsibility for any delay of delivery of the samples beyond the established date, for the total or partial loss of the samples during the transportation, as well as the preservation status of the samples. All the expenses for the delivery of the samples are in charge of the Winery.

**Art. 10 – RECEIPT OF THE SAMPLE**

The special Body, created by the Scientific Committee, verify the packing of the wines received and the official documentation enclosed.

After the receipt, all the samples participating to the **XVIII INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE "CITTÀ DEL VINO"** will be stored following the rules of a good oenological technique. The samples will remain anonymous during the examination by the Committee through two codes:

- one assigned to the sample of the organisation at delivery;
- the second assigned by a Notary or Public Official, formally indicated by the Organising Committee before the presentation of the sample to the tasting committees.

**Art. 11 – EVALUATION**

**The evaluation of the samples will be held in FRASCATI (AT), Lazio, within the Comune di Frascati c/o Mura del Valadier, Via del Castello 21 - 00044 Frascati (RM) ITALY on 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019** with international commissions composed by oenologists, wine-making experts, tasters, sommeliers and journalists specialised in the wine sector, with the presence of an O.I.V.'s Inspector.

The Scientific Committee, appointed by the Organising Committee, designates the judges, whose names can be required at O.I.V., among experts from different Countries. Each commission is composed by seven judges. In any case the number of judges can be less than five. Most of the judges are oenologists. The International Commissions will value the samples in accordance with O.I.V. Regulation, which has recourse to the organoleptic characteristics of the wine based on the "**Union Internationale des Oenologues**" model; the evaluations will be expressed by each and every single member and the final score will be based on the arithmetic average of each evaluation, without taking in account the highest and the lowest one.

The results of the evaluations will be published within 17 June 2019 on the web site **www.cittadelvino.it**.

#### **Art. 12 – CONFIDENTIALITY**

To safeguard the prestige of the participating Wineries, the Organising Committee will only publish a award winning wines list, not the entire list or the name of the participating Wineries, nor the score assigned to the single samples.

#### **Art. 13 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AWARD CEREMONY**

According to the final score and O.I.V. regulation, all wines of quality will be awarded, *ex-aequo*, with the following distinctions:

- Grand Gold Medal (more than 92/100 score)
- Gold Medal (more than 87/100 score)
- Silver Medal (more than 82/100 score)
- Bronze Medal (minimum 80/100 score)

They will be recognized, with the previous award, as "Città del Vino del Comune di .....anno 2019". It is understood that if such a distinction is destined to packaging of wines that have participated successfully in the competition, the same shall not contain geographic names or mentions reserved by international regulation to other wines.

On the base of the obtained score and on the OIV regulation, **all the sparkling wines** will be awarded *ex-aequo* with the following distinctions:

- Grand Gold Medal (more than 92/100 score) FORUM DEGLI SPUMANTI 2019
- Gold Medal (more than 87/100 score) FORUM DEGLI SPUMANTI 2019
- Silver Medal (more than 82/100 score) FORUM DEGLI SPUMANTI 2019
- Bronze Medal (minimum 80/100 score) FORUM DEGLI SPUMANTI 2019

And they will be recognized with the following distinction "**FORUM DEGLI SPUMANTI anno 2019**".

**THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, BY RESPECTING THE INDICATIONS OF THE SPARKLING WINE FORUM, ESTABLISHES FOR 2019 A SPECIAL AWARD FOR DOC AND DOCG SPARKLING WINE:**

- GRAN PRIX SPARKLING WINE FORUM CHAMPENOISE METHOD;
- GRAND PRIX SPARKLING WINE FORUM "CHARMAT" METHOD.

This prize is awarded to the two DOP sparkling wines for wines of Community origin, or with a geographical indication for wines coming from third countries, which obtain the best score, provided that the minimum value of 85 cents is reached or exceeded.

On the base of the obtained score and on the OIV regulation, **all the organic wines** in competition will be awarded ex-aequo with the following distinctions:

- Grand Gold Medal (more than 92/100 score) BIO DIVINO 2019
- Gold Medal (more than 87/100 score) BIO DIVINO 2019
- Silver Medal (more than 82/100 score) BIO DIVINO 2019
- Bronze Medal (minimum 80/100 score) BIO DIVINO 2019

And they will be recognized with the following distinction "**BIO DI VINO anno 2019**"

The sum of all the medals assigned to the champions, who obtained the best result, cannot overcome 30% of the total of the samples presented to the Contest.

The Award ceremony, with the delivery of the Medals and Certificates to the Municipalities as well as the winning Wineries, **will be held in Rome within the first decade of July 2019 or any other location.**

**THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHES FOR 2019 A SPECIAL CLASSIFICATION FOR THE COOPERATIVES:**

- "SELEZIONE DEL SINDACO" AWARD for the COOPERATIVE WITH THE BEST CLASSIFIED WINE;
- "SELEZIONE DEL SINDACO" AWARD for the COOPERATIVE WITH THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF OBTAINED PRIZES;
- "SELEZIONE DEL SINDACO" AWARD for the COOPERATIVE WITH THE BEST AUTOCHTHONOUS VARIETY OF GRAPE;
- "SELEZIONE DEL SINDACO" AWARD for the COOPERATIVE WITH THE BEST ORGANIC WINE.

Winning bottles of the "CITTÀ DEL VINO", SPARKLING WINE FORUM and BIO DIVINO will be promoted with the following kind of services:

**A. Proposed services** to the winning Wineries and Municipalities:

- a) Publication on [www.cittadelvino.it](http://www.cittadelvino.it) of the name of the Winery and related winning products.
- b) Publication of a special number of "Terre del Vino", the paper magazine of Città del Vino, dedicated to all wines and wineries that have won a Medal;
- c) Press Release in occasion of the Award ceremony.
- d) Preparation and publishing of STICKERS CERTIFYING THE AWARD.
- e) Technical Assistance and organising support for the presentation of winning wines in occasion of local, national and international wine events.

**Art. 14 – CHECKS**

The winners of the **XVIII INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE "CITTÀ DEL VINO"** (with the SPARKLING WINE FORUM and BIO DIVINO) shall allow the Organising Committee or its delegates to make inspections and eventually sampling in their cellar.

In case of non-fulfilment of the Regulation, they will lose any acknowledgement (received in the Award ceremony) and the Committee will communicate it to the national and international press.

**Art. 15 – QUALIFIED COMMITTEE**

For any controversy the Qualified Committee is situated in Siena.