

2018 WTO Wine-Tasting Competition

The WTO Ski Race Organizing Committee would like to express its appreciation to delegations for their participation in the WTO Wine-Tasting Contest which was held at the Salle des Pas Perdus, Centre William Rappard on the evening of Thursday, 15 March 2018. The wine tasting is organized in conjunction with the WTO ski race and enables the organizing committee to offer an excellent supply of fine wines for thirsty skiers after the ski race.

The Wine Contest was an overwhelming success, attracting samples of their finest red, white and/or dessert wines from 26 wine producing countries, including: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Mexico, Moldova, New Zealand, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United States.

There were 22 red wine entries, 22 white wine entries and 7 dessert wine entries. The wines were divided into 7 groups (3 groups of red, 3 groups of white and 1 group of dessert wines) with 6 – 8 wines in each group for a first round of tasting. The top scoring wines from each category advanced to a second round of wine tasting.

All participants attending were invited to participate by completing a score card for one of the 7 groups. Tasters rated the color, aroma and taste of the wine on a 1-5 scale. Then, an average, weighted score for each wine was calculated on-site to determine which two wines from each group of red and white categories (A, B and C) would advance to the final round. The judges for the final round of tasting were participants who attended the wine tasting. Scores for the final round were calculated in the same way.

The results of the final round of the Wine-Tasting Competition are as follows:

RED WINES:

Rank	Score	Country	Entry
1	4.26	Chile	Purple Angel – 2013 Carmenere, Colchagua Valley Producer: Montes
2	3.68	Portugal	Cartuxa – 2012 Trincadeira, Alentejo Producer: Fundação Eugénio de Almeida
3	3.30	Argentina	Graffigna Grand Reserve – 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon, Provincia de San Juan Producer: Bodegas y Vinedos Santiago Graffigna
4	3.12	Romania	Fior – Feteasca Neagra Rose – 2017 Feteasca Neagra, Transilvania Producer: Domeniile Boieru
5	3.07	Hungary	Gere Kopar – 2012 Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Sauvignon, Villany Producer: Attila Gere
6	2.99	Austria	Blaufraenkisch - Reserve Mitterberg 2011 Blaufraenkisch, Deutschkreutz, Burgenland Producer: Rudolf Dorner

WHITE WINES:

Rank	Score	Country	Entry
1	3.69	Russia	Burnier Chardonnay, Krasnodar Producer: Famille Burnier (Russia/Switzerland)
2	3.60	Germany	Isteiner Kirchberg – 2015 Gutedel, Baden Producer: Bezirkskellerei Markgraeflerland
3	3.30	Ukraine	Chardonnay Reserve Shabo – 2015 European Chardonnay, Odessa Region Producer: Shabo
4	3.26	Romania	Mentor – Muscatottonel Traminer – 2017 Muscat Ottonel, Transilvania Producer: Domeniile Boieru
5	3.22	Japan	Aruga Branca Issehara – 2016 100% Koshu grapes, Katsunuma, Yamanashi Producer: Katsunuma Winery
6	2.85	France	Chablis – 2015 Chardonnay, Bourgogne Producer: Domaine Laroche

DESSERT WINES:

Rank	Score	Country	Entry
1	3.65	Moldova	Chardonnay sweet Chardonnay (noble rot or botrytis), Central Zone, Orhei Producer: Chateau Vartely
2	3.32	Portugal	Dona Antonia – Reserva Tawny Touriga, Douro Producer: Porto Ferreira
3	3.15	Hungary	Grof Degenfeld 6 Puttonyos Aszu – 2008 Furmint, Harslevelu, Tarcál Producer: Istvan Turoczi, Sandor Zsurki
4	3.08	Romania	Domeniul Ciumbrud – 2017 Chardonnay, Transilvania Producer: Domeniile Boieru
5	2.88	Croatia	Pinot Gris Ice wine – 2016 Pinot Gris, Croatian Zagorje Producer: Bodren
6	2.84	Canada	Vidal Ice Wine – 2008 Ontario Producer: Inniskillin

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the 2018 WTO Wine-Tasting Contest.