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# CHALLENGE INTERNATIONAL DU VIN THE WINNERS OF THE 50<sup>TH</sup> EDITION



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## 50 years of international renown

Gathered on 27 and 28 March 2026 in Bourg-sur-Gironde, in the heart of the Bordeaux wine region, the juries of the Challenge International du Vin conducted tastings to select the winners of this competition, which has been organized since 1976 by the C.D.V. (Concours Des Vins).

This anniversary edition, chaired by Dr George Kotseridis, an iconic figure in the Greek wine world, celebrated Greek white wines with a dedicated Special Prize.

248 judges of 15 nationalities gathered over two mornings to taste 1,477 samples from 22 countries. Each judging table brought together a producer, a technician, a distributor and a knowledgeable wine enthusiast – a unique feature of this competition. This diversity ensures a rigorous assessment, representative of market expectations. Wines, spirits, no-low: the tasters at the Challenge International du Vin demonstrated their ability to adapt and appreciate a wide range of products. These tastings resulted in the awarding of 479 medals, including 438 Gold and 41 Silver.

This list of award-winners reflects the richness and diversity of the terroirs, featuring wines from numerous regions across France and around the world. For the past 50 years, this recognition has

served as a powerful tool for promoting the winning producers.

## A masterclass dedicated to Greek wines

Alongside the official tastings, the Challenge International du Vin hosted an exceptional masterclass dedicated to Greek wines. Held on Friday 27 March in Bordeaux, this session, led by renowned oenologist George Kotseridis, gave attending professionals the opportunity to discover a selection of wines that showcase the richness, diversity and identity of Greek terroirs. This immersive experience highlighted indigenous grape varieties and distinctive styles, demonstrating the dynamism of Greek wines on the international stage.

## Upcoming events

### THE SPECIAL YOUNG TASTERS' PRIZE

This anniversary edition also marks the launch of the Special Young Tasters' Prize, which will showcase the perspective and sensitivity of a new generation of enthusiasts. During a special tasting session at the end of April, young students from several schools will select their own special award. This is an opportunity to demonstrate that, at 50 years old, the competition is more forward-looking than ever!



## THE "COUP DE CŒUR DES CHEFS" 2026

Now a highlight of the competition, the "Coup de Cœur des Chefs" is selected by four chefs from starred restaurants, who choose their favourite wine following a blind tasting of the year's Special Prizes. The chefs then create an entire menu centred

around this wine, unveiled at a dinner attended by the press and the public. This event within the event offers a glimpse into the world of gastronomy, further enhancing the profile of the winning wines. More information on the details of the 4th edition of the Coup de Cœur des Chefs will be available shortly.



# SPECIAL PRIZES CHALLENGE INTERNATIONAL DU VIN 2026

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**SPECIAL PRIZE GREEK WHITE WINE**  
**ESTATE ARGYROS**  
For **ESTATE ARGYROS CUVÉE MONSIGNORI | 2022**  
*PDO SANTORINI | GREECE*



**SPECIAL PRIZE RED WINE**  
**BODEGA DE SARRIA S.A.**  
For **MARTINEZ CORTA RESERVA | 2020**  
*DOP RIOJA RESERVA | SPAIN*



**SPECIAL PRIZE ORGANIC RED WINE**  
**SAS RAYMOND VFI**  
For **CHÂTEAU LE BOSQUET DES FLEURS | 2025**  
*AOP BORDEAUX | FRANCE*



**SPECIAL PRIZE WHITE WINE**  
**SCEA REY SIMON ET FILS**  
For **DOMAINE DES GRAVES D'ARDONNEAU - SAUVIGNON BLANC | 2025**  
*AOP BORDEAUX | FRANCE*



**SPECIAL PRIZE ORGANIC WHITE WINE**  
**FATTORIA LA VIALLA DI G.A.B.**  
For **VIN SANTO DEL CHIANTI RISERVA | BLANC DOUX | 2018**  
*DOC VIN SANTO DEL CHIANTI | ITALY*



**SPECIAL PRIZE PINK WINE**  
**SC CRAMA CEPTURA SRL**  
For **MOTIV CABERNET SAUVIGNON & MERLOT | 2025**  
*D.O.C. DEALU MARE | ROMANIA*



**SPECIAL PRIZE SPARKLING WHITE WINE**  
**CHAMPAGNE GUY BRUNOT**  
For **GUY BRUNOT - BLANC DE NOIRS**  
*AOP CHAMPAGNE PREMIER CRU | FRANCE*



**SPECIAL PRIZE BLAYE AND BLAYE-CÔTES DE BORDEAUX\***  
**SCEA TERRE-BLANQUE**  
For **CHÂTEAU TERRE BLANQUE | ROUGE | 2024**  
*AOP BLAYE-CÔTES DE BORDEAUX | FRANCE*



**SPECIAL PRIZE CÔTES DE BOURG\***  
**EARL CHATEAU NODOZ**  
For **CHÂTEAU GALAU CUVÉE BOISÉE | ROUGE | 2025**  
*AOP CÔTES DE BOURG | FRANCE*



**SPECIAL PRIZE BRANDY**  
**PIERRE DE SEGONZAC SARL**  
For **PIERRE DE SEGONZAC | XO RÉSERVE**  
*AOP COGNAC | FRANCE*

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