

Québec, May 31, 2019 - The 26th SMV Canada International Wine Championship came to a close on May 28, 2019 in the beautiful city of Québec. Sponsored by the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV) and the World Federation of Major International Wine and Spirits Competitions (VINOFED), SMV Canada is the largest international wine competition in Canada.

The 2019 edition of SMV Canada welcomed **501 producers**, negotiators and agents from **34 countries**, which represents a **20% increase over 2018**. A total of **1564 wine** products competed in the various categories of the championship. The names of the Grand Gold medalists and other award winners were announced during the recognition evening that took place on the final day of the event.

The judging panels were chaired by **56 expert oenologists and sommeliers** from **15 different countries**. The judges worked meticulously throughout the four-day event, applying the championship rules and criteria with rigour and impartiality in order to determine the winners.

This year, a total of 481 medals and 4 special awards were conferred. The medal distribution is as follows:

	6	Grand Gold medals
	261	Gold medals
	214	Silver medals
TOTAL	481	MEDALS

The percentage of medal winners at the 2019 edition is 30.7% of the entries, which is just over the 30% quota imposed by the OIV and VINOFED.

SCORES REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR A MEDAL:

In keeping with the championship rules, a predetermined score is required for each medal:

- Grand Gold medal: 92 or more points
- Gold medal: 85 or more points
- Silver medal: 84 or more points

Note: Given the limited number of available medals, a minimum of 84 points is required for a Silver medal.







OUR GRAND GOLD MEDALISTS IN 2019:



- RIESLING LES COMTES 2017, ALSACE AOC Domaine Edmond Rentz, France;
- SAMOS VIN DOUX 2018, SAMOS DOP United Winemaking Agricultural Cooperative of Samos, Greece;
- DALVA PORTO COLHEITA GW 1989 C. da Silva (Vinhos) S.A., Portugal;
- DON PX 1990, MONTILLA-MORILES DO Bodegas Toro Albala, Spain;
- RIESLING TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE EDESHEIMER ROSENGARTEN 2018, PFALZ Weingut Werner Anselmann, Germany;
- TRAMINER SELECTED BERRY HARVEST 2016 AOC Iločki Podrumi, Croatia.

COUNTRY	GRAND GOLD	GOLD	SILVER	TOTAL
Argentina		9	7	16
Australia	•	15	6	21
Austria	,	2	-	2
Brazil	-	1	5	6
Bulgaria		2	-	2
Canada		5	4	9
Chili		3	1	4
Croatia	1	-	,	1
Egypt		1	-	1
England		1	-	1
France	1	40	47	88
Germany	1	3	3	7
Greece	1	5	8	14
Hungary		1	-	1
Israel		4	2	6
Italy		41	33	74
Macedonia		-	1	1
Morocco		3	1	4
Mexico		8	4	12
New Zealand		7	3	10
Portugal	1	47	33	81
Romania		13	2	15
South Africa		3	4	7
Spain	1	33	28	62
Switzerland		7	8	15
Turkey		1	-	1
United States		5	13	18
Uruguay		1	1	2
TOTAL	6	261	214	481

For the complete list of SMV Canada 2019 winners, visit: www.smvcanada.ca/2019-winners





SPECIAL AWARDS CONFERRED AT SMV CANADA 2019:

- The PRODUCER OF THE YEAR Award:
 - SC COTNARI SA, Romania

Conferred to the producer whose wines obtain the best average score, which is calculated based on the five wines that obtained the highest scores overall.

• The "VINOFED" EX-AEQUO Award:

- PARADISE CAN WAIT SYRAH 2015, Kardista IGP Winery Monsieur Nicolas by G. Karamitros, Greece
- BLÉS RESERVA 2015, Valencia DO Aranleón, Spain

Conferred to the dry wine with the best score on 100 points, all categories combined.

• The "GHISLAIN K.-LAFLAMME" Award:

- CHAMPAGNE NICOLAS FEUILLATTE COLLECTION BRUT 2009 Conferred to the champagne with the highest score.

• The "CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF OENOLOGISTS" Award:

- L'ORPAILLEUR CHARDONNAY 2017 CUVÉE SIGNATURE, Québec, Canada

Conferred to the Canadian still white wine chosen by association members among the five with the highest scores.



YET MORE PRODUCTS THAT WILL SHINE THE WORLD OVER, THANKS TO SMV CANADA MEDALS AND AWARDS!

SMV Canada medal winners can mention in their advertising that they were conferred a medal at the 2019 edition.

Producers can also procure and apply the corresponding adhesive medal decals to their winning products. Every year, producers purchase some two million SMV Canada medal decals in order to distinguish their products and call attention to their quality.

Given that our medals are registered trademarks, they can only be placed on the products and vintages to which they have been conferred.

ABOUT SMV CANADA

Sélections Mondiales des Vins (SMV) Canada is an international wine championship that is sponsored by both the International Organisation of Vine & Wine (OIV) and the World Federation of Major International Wine and Spirits Competitions (VINOFED). SMV Canada has been under the helm of Quebec City-based Gestion SMV since 2007. Respected by wineries and vintners the world over, the SMV Canada competition is a source of great pride for Quebec and Canada, as it contributes to the discovery of many new high-quality products each year while also helping to further diversify the market.

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