



Winners of Asia's most trusted wine competition announced

Full results of the prestigious Decanter Asia Wine Awards have been announced and [now published on Decanter.com](https://www.decanter.com), reaching a global audience.

The list of results is complete with full wine details, stockist information and tasting notes – a trusted source of wine recommendations for wine consumers in Asia.

A total of **3,235 wines** were tasted in the Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2017 (DAWA 2017), the most since the competition launched in 2012. Fifteen wines have been awarded the Platinum Best in Show medal – the highest accolade.

“The sole purpose of the DAWA is to recognise and award quality. Originality and terroir are the most important for a wine to win an award.”, said **Steven Spurrier, DAWA 2017 Chair**. A majority of judges are based in Asia and include top sommeliers and Masters of Wine from 11 countries.

The Results

Australia continued its success from last year's competition by taking the lead with two Platinum Best in Show medals for the Best Single White-Varietal and Best Chardonnay, both won by McGuigan. Australia has won Best Chardonnay for the second year, plus seven Platinum Best in Category and 26 Gold medals.

Argentina performed extremely well this year with three Platinum Best in Show, including one for the Best Red Bordeaux Varietals, one Best in Category and four Gold medals.

China performed well too, with Shanxi's Grace Vineyard winning the Best Red Single-Varietal

China won 142 medals in total at DAWA 2016, compared to 12 medals two years ago.

France remained a strong winner with Bordeaux, Champagne, and Rhône winning a Best in Show medal each.

Italy also received a top medal for Best Red Italian Varietals for a red wine from Campania.

Spain won a Platinum Best in Show for Best Red Spanish Varietals, while **Germany** won one for Best Dry Riesling.

South Africa shone amongst Old World contestants by winning a Platinum Best in Category for Best South African Red Bordeaux Varietals.

The **USA** also scooped two medals for Best USA Red Bordeaux Varietals and Best USA Sweet in Platinum Best in Category.

Decanter's tasting director, Christelle Guibert, said: “We gather some of the best and most influential wine experts across Asia to join our judging panel to find the very best wines for consumers.”



Where to taste the DAWA winners

New winners will be promoted at both trade and consumer events this year.

Wine lovers will have the opportunity to taste a selection of 2017 winning wines in **Hong Kong, Shanghai and Seoul** this winter, including the [Decanter Shanghai Fine Wine Encounter on Saturday 18 November](#). DAWA wines will also be featured at retail stores, restaurants and hotels across Asia.

About DAWA Judging Week

Over 50 top wine experts from across Asia joined our judging panel this year, led by Chair Steven Spurrier, Decanter's consultant editor, and vice-chairs Ch'ng Poh Tiong, Shinya Tasaki, Gerard Basset MW MS OBE, Michael Hill Smith MW, Andrew Jefford and [DecanterChina.com](#) columnist Li Demei.

Joining this year's line-up is Sonal Holland, India's first Master of Wine; Tan Ying Hsien, Singapore's first Master of Wine; and Adrian Zhang, Director of Wine at the Park Hyatt Shanghai. Most judges work at top establishments in Asia.

Judges gathered together in Hong Kong on 5-8 September to blind taste wines through organised flights.

How the wines are tasted

Decanter gives every single wine tasted an individual score.

Wines that meet the required quality are given a seal of approval (commended), or a bronze, silver, or gold medal. All gold medal-winning wines within each category are re-tasted and a platinum medal is awarded to the best wine in each category.

Each platinum medal winner from around the world is then pitted against each other to win the Platinum **Best in Show** accolade.

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Notes to Editors

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- *Decanter* magazine, which is sold in 92 countries*
- [Decanter Events](#), an annual programme of world-class events for consumers and trade
- [Decanter.com](#), which 1 million page views per month**
- [DecanterChina.com](#), a bi-lingual English and Simplified Chinese website, created specifically for Chinese wine lovers
- Decanter World Wine Awards, the world's largest and most prestigious wine competition
- Decanter Asia Wine Awards, launched in 2012, is the most trusted wine competition in Asia

Sources: *Decanter has subscribers in 92 countries, ** Google Analytics, September 2016

About the DAWA

- Launched in 2012 by *Decanter* magazine, 2017 is the sixth edition of the competition
- All wines are judged blind in the best possible tasting environment and each wine is discussed on an individual basis by the panel
- [Find and taste DAWA winning wines](#)
- Kindly sponsored by Riedel glasses and San Pellegrino and Acqua Panna water

DAWA 2017 Results

- 15 Platinum Best in Show medals
- 41 Platinum Best in Category medals
- 55 Gold medals
- 609 Silver medals
- 1,656 Bronze medals

DAWA 2017 Platinum Best in Show winners:

- Best Dry Aromatic: El Esteco, Don David Reserve Torrontés, Calchaquíes, Salta, Argentina 2017
- Best Red Bordeaux Varietals: Bodega Norton, Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza, Argentina 2015
- Best Red Blend: Miguel Escorihuela Gascón, 1884 The President's Blend, Mendoza, Argentina 2015
- Best Chardonnay: McGuigan, The Shortlist Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia 2016
- Best White Single-Varietal: McGuigan, Bin 9000, Hunter Valley, New South Wales, Australia 2007
- Best Red Single-Varietal: Shanxi Grace Vineyard, Tasya's Reserve Marselan, Shanxi, China 2015
- Best Sweet: Château d'Arche, Sauternes, Bordeaux, France 2010
- Best Red Rhône Varietals: Grandes Serres, Carius, Cairanne, Rhône, France 2016
- Best Sparkling: Piper-Heidsieck, Rare Brut, Champagne, Champagne, France 2002
- Best Dry Riesling: Hans Wirsching, Iphöfer Julius-Echter-Berg Riesling, Grosses Gewächs, Franken, Germany 2015
- Best Red Italian Varietals: Rossovermiglio, Aglianico, Sannio, Campania, Italy 2015
- Best Sauvignon Blanc: Yealands Family Wines, Babydoll Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand 2017
- Best Pinot Noir: Craggy Range, Te Muna Road Vineyard Pinot Noir, Martinborough, Wairarapa, New Zealand 2015
- Best Sweet Fortified: Henriques & Henriques, Single Harvest Boal, Madeira, Portugal 2000
- Best Red Spanish Varietals: Bodegas Olarra, Erudito, Rioja, Mainland Spain, Spain 2015



DAWA 2016 Platinum (Best in Category) winners:

- Best Chilean Red Bordeaux Varietals: Viña Casablanca, Nimbus Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Valley, Chile 2015
- Best Chilean Red Rhône Varietals : MontGras, ANTU Syrah, Colchagua, Chile 2015
- Best Chilean Red Blend : Santa Alba, Grand Reserve Syrah-Cabernet Sauvignon, Curicó, Chile 2014
- Best Chilean Red Single-Varietal: Apaltagua, Envero Grand Reserva Carmenere, Apalta, Colchagua, Chile 2015
- Best USA Red Bordeaux Varietals: Rocca Family Vineyards, Grigsby Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Yountville, California, USA 2013
- Best South African Red Bordeaux Varietals : Leopard's Leap, Culinaria Collection Grand Vin, Western Cape, South Africa 2015
- Best New Zealand White: Paddy Borthwick, Pinot Gris, Wairarapa, New Zealand 2016
- Best Australian Sparkling : House of Arras, EJ Carr Late Disgorged, Tasmania, Australia 2003
- Best Australian Red Blend : Tyrrell's Wines, Vat 8 Shiraz-Cabernet, Hunter Valley, New South Wales, Australia 2014
- Best Bordeaux Right Bank: Château Cantenac, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Bordeaux, France 2015
- Best Bordeaux Left Bank: Excellence de Belliard, Margaux, Bordeaux, France 2015
- Best Australian Red Rhône Varietals: Ulithorne , Frux Frugis Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia, Australia 2014
- Best Australian Red Bordeaux Varietals: Wolf Blass, Gold Label Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia, Australia 2015
- Best Barolo: Casa Vinicola Fratelli Casetta, Nicoletto, Barolo Riserva, Piedmont, Italy 2009
- Best Sweet Regional Italy: Gemma di Luna, Moscato, VINO Spumante di Qualità di Tipo Aromatico, Italy NV
- Best White Languedoc-Roussillon : Bernard Magrez, Passion Blanche, IGP Côtes Catalanes, Languedoc-Roussillon, France 2013
- Best Châteauneuf-du-Pape: Domaine de Nalys, , Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France 2015
- Best Northern Rhône Red: Delas, Domaine des Tourettes, Hermitage, Rhône, France 2015
- Best Argentinian Red Blend: Bodega Norton, Privada, Mendoza, Argentina 2015
- Best Central & Eastern Europe Red: Georgian Wines, Saperavi, Kindzmarauli, Kakheti, Georgia 2015
- Best Central & Eastern Europe White: Vaziani Company, Makashvili Wine Cellar Khikhvi, Kakheti, Georgia 2016
- Best German Sweet : Nik Weis St. Urbans-Hof, Goldtröpfchen Riesling, Trockenbeerenauslese, Mosel, Germany 2013
- Best Central & Eastern Europe Sweet : Szent Tamás, Aszú, Tokaj, Hungary 2013
- Best Fortified Portugal : Bacalhôa, 10 Anos, Moscatel Roxo de Setúbal, Setúbal, Portugal 2003
- Best Red Rioja Reserva : Bodegas Ondarre, , Rioja Reserva, Mainland Spain, Spain 2014
- Best Red Rioja Gran Reserva : Bodegas Corral, Don Jacobo, Rioja Gran Reserva, Mainland Spain, Spain 2004
- Best Ribera del Duero : Condado de Haza, Alenza , Ribera del Duero Gran Reserva, Mainland Spain, Spain 2006
- Best Red Portugal : Fundação Eugénio de Almeida, Cartuxa EA Reserva, Alentejano, Portugal 2015
- Best Sweet Loire : Château La Variere, Les Guerches, Quarts de Chaume Grand Cru, Loire, France 2015
- Best Red Languedoc-Roussillon: Château de Lascaux, Les Nobles Pierres, Languedoc Pic Saint Loup, Languedoc-Roussillon, France 2013
- Best Regional Italian White: La Canosa, Servator Passerina, Offida, Le Marche, Italy 2016
- Best Southern Italian White: Quintodecimo, Exultet, Fiano di Avellino, Campania, Italy 2016
- Best Chianti : Rocca di Castagnoli, Poggio a'Fрати, Chianti Classico Riserva, Tuscany, Italy 2013
- Best Red Tuscany : Caccia Al Piano 1868, Ruit Hora, Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy 2014



- Best Amarone: Cesari, Il Bosco, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Veneto, Italy 2011
- Best Sweet Southern Italy : Ferruccio Deiana, Oirad, Isola dei Nuraghi, Sardinia, Italy 2015
- Best Australian Riesling: McGuigan, The Shortlist Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia, Australia 2009
- Best Barbera: Poderi Elia, Vi Veje, Barbera d' Alba Superiore, Piedmont, Italy 2012
- Best Australian Pinot Noir: Curly Flat, Pinot Noir, Macedon Ranges, Victoria, Australia 2014
- Best Australian Sweet: De Bortoli, Black Noble, Cross-Regional Blend, Australia NV
- Best USA Sweet: Dr. Loosen, Riesling Ice Wine, Washington State, USA 2013