



Italy shows strength in depth at the Decanter World Wine Awards 2021

From top to toe Italy performed strongly winning more Gold medals than any other country and claiming Best in Show medals across five regions.

7 JULY, LONDON: After two weeks of rigorous, and for the second year-running COVID-safe, judging in London's Canary Wharf, the results of the Decanter World Wine Awards 2021 are finally here, and Italy once again showed strength in depth with 16 regions winning Gold medals or better.

Now in its 18th year, the Decanter World Wine Awards (DWWA) is the world's largest and most influential wine competition. More than 160 judges, including 44 Masters of Wine and 11 Master Sommeliers, judged 18,094 wines from 56 countries at this year's edition, making it a record year for wines tasted.

In total 2021 saw 50 Best in Show, 179 Platinum and 635 Gold medals awarded, making up 0.28%, 0.99% and 3.51% respectively of the total wines tasted.

Italy claimed 7 Best in Show medals, as well as 36 Platinum and 146 Gold medals, almost doubling the tally of Gold medals compared to the 2020 competition. Tuscany - always at or near to top of the medal-winning tree - claimed the lion's share of these with 2 Best in Show, 14 Platinum and 48 Gold medals.

Piedmont also claimed two Best in Show medals, but the most notable achievement was a first-ever Best in Show win for the Friuli region. **Muzic's Stare Brajde, Collio 2019** - a blend of Tocai Friulano, Malvasia Istriana and Ribolla Gialla - impressed the judges, who called it a 'richly dry, alluringly sappy wine with ample mouth-filling intensity, length and textural presence.'

Elsewhere there were strong showings in Campania and Veneto where Best in Show medals were awarded - including a first for a Prosecco - and Liguria where two Platinum medals were won after the region drew a blank in 2020.

Notable Best in Show wines across Italy included the 'multi-faceted' **Castello 47/87 Rive Di Vidor Extra Dry Prosecco** which judges said reflected the recent surge in Prosecco quality, and the **Broglia Derthona Timorasso 2018** which showcased the

'honeyed notes' and 'summer-meadow scents' of this little-known white grape from Piedmont.

Ronan Sayburn MS, who was appointed Acting Co-Chair for 2021, and judged Southern Italy commented: "It's the most prestigious wine awards, so as a producer if you want to be anywhere, you want to be at Decanter."

Andy Howard MW, Regional Chair on the Central Italy panel added: "Central Italy, I think, is quite an underrated area. Everybody thinks about the Veneto and places like Tuscany and so forth, so Central Italy gets a bit forgotten about. But I really do like it because of its variety both in terms of grape varieties and regions, so there's always something different about to come around the corner, and we've certainly found some very nice wines in this year's competition."

Andrew Jefford, DWWA Co-Chair, said, "DWWA is the world's leading wine competition. I'm absolutely thrilled to take part in it every year because having tasted in a number of other competitions I know how well it's organised, how carefully everything is done. So if you get a medal from DWWA it really is worth having and everybody respects it internationally. We get entries from every corner of the wine world, so it is as it were the closest you can get to a universal benchmark."

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Notes to Editors

Italy was awarded a total of 3,396 medals, with seven Best in Show, 36 Platinum, 146 Gold, 1,320 Silver and 1,887 Bronze.

The following wines won the seven Best in Show medals:

- Capezzana, Riserva, Carmignano Vin Santo, Tuscany 2013
- Broglia, Derthona Timorasso, Colli Tortonesi, Piedmont 2018
- Casa Setaro, Fuocoallegro Piediroso, Vesuvio, Campania 2019
- Diego Morra, Monvigliero, Barolo, Piedmont 2016
- Castello, 47/87 Rive Di Vidor Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore Rive, Veneto 2019
- Castiglione del Bosco, Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany 2016
- Muzic, Stare Brajde, Collio, Friuli-Venezia Giulia 2019

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Sustainability is a key focus for the DWWA team. All plastic and cardboard is collected and recycled, while every bottle is crushed and remelted, ready to be remade into usable glass within 30 days. All leftover wine is also collected, recycled and sold back into the national grid as gas.

Full details on the judging process can be found [here](#).

The PPA Awards 2021

DWWA recently won *Event of the Year* at the prestigious PPA Awards 2021. More information [here](#).

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