



## **SOUTH AMERICA'S ESTABLISHED PRODUCERS AND RISING STARS CELEBRATE A YEAR OF SUCCESS AT DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS 2023**

*Newer regions and sub-regions hold the key to success in Argentina and Chile, while new winemaking talent is emerging in Brazil, Uruguay and other South American countries, as revealed at Decanter World Wine Awards 2023*

7 JUNE: After two weeks of rigorous judging in London, the full results from Decanter World Wine Awards 2023 are released today. South American wine producers showed a sense of dynamism, with newer regions and less-usual grape varieties coming to the fore. There were some impressive Best in Show and Platinum winners for Argentina and Chile amid compelling results for emerging South American wine-making countries including Brazil and Uruguay.

This year, the Decanter World Wine Awards (DWWA) celebrates its 20th year. Since its inception two decades ago, DWWA has consolidated its reputation as the largest and most influential wine competition in the world, acclaimed for its rigorous judging process. Over the course of two weeks in April and May, 236 judges (including 16 Master Sommeliers and 53 Masters of Wine) from 30 countries tasted, debated and compared the relative merits of 18,250 wines from 57 countries, making this year's competition the largest yet.

Awarded 24 Gold medals for a second year running, to match Argentina's best-ever Gold performance, DWWA Co-Chair Andrew Jefford commented: "I looked at the great spread of Argentinean wines as part of our Gold medal selection process, and that was pretty exciting."

Moving up the medal chart, Argentina received two Best in Show awards among the competition's Top 50, both to Mendoza Malbecs: **Terrazas De Los Andes, Origen Los Chacayes Malbec, Uco Valley 2021** and **Durigutti, Pie De Monte Malbec, Gualtallary, Tupungato 2020**. "Few wines produced outside Europe can match the drama and intensity of the best Malbecs from Argentina, so our judges were delighted to find two outstanding examples to include in this year's Best in Show selection," commented the judges.

All awarded 97 points, the Platinum medal category saw four more wines from Argentina join the ranks of the best in the international competition with Malbec again reigning supreme.

It's not all about Malbec, though, as proved by Argentina's Top Value Gold (Gold medal winners costing less than £15): it's made from 100% Cabernet Franc. **Bodega Zuccardi, Brazos De Los Andes Cabernet Franc, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2022** beguiled judges with its "aromatic blueberry fruit, violet perfumes and peppery spice".



In Chile there was evidence of fine wines emerging from relatively new wine sub-regions. Colchagua received its first-ever Best in Show with **Casa Silva, Gran Terroir Carménère 2022** from the **Los Lingues** sub-region. “The search for Chile’s distinguished sites and terroirs continues apace,” the judges commented. “One sign of this is the way in which the scrutiny of larger zones (like Colchagua) is now falling on sub-regional appellations (like the higher-altitude Los Lingues, with its Andean mountain influences). If this Los Lingues Carménère is anything to go by, excitement awaits.”

Equally newsworthy, Chile’s Malleco Valley was awarded its first-ever Platinum medal for **Viña Morandé, Black Series Pinot Noir 2021**, with its “complex swirling aromas of burnt flowers, pomegranate, woodsmoke and ripe dark summer berries”. Chile’s other Platinum medal winner was **San Pedro, 1865 Prelusion 2019**, a red Bordeaux-style blend from Maipó Valley. A further 13 Gold medals, including the country’s three highest scoring white wines (all Sauvignon Blanc), round out Chile’s top results.

Elsewhere in South America, Brazil was awarded two Gold medals, making 2023 its best-ever Gold medal performance. Uruguay also claimed one Gold, while more entrants from Colombia and Peru and Uruguay represent medal wins across the continent.

On DWWA, Co-Chair Ronan Sayburn MS said:

“We have world renowned experts from everywhere coming to judge the wines. I think it’s the toughest wine competition to enter because the standards are very, very high. It’s just a very rigorous competition. The medals have to be earned.”

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### **Notes to editors:**

**Argentina** was awarded a total of 517 awards, comprising two Best in Show, four Platinum, 24 Gold, 227 Silver and 260 Bronze medals.

The following wines won Argentina's Best in Show medals:

- Durigutti, Pie De Monte Malbec, Gualtallary, Tupungato, Mendoza 2020
- Terrazas De Los Andes, Origen Los Chacayes Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2021

**Chile** was awarded a total of 403 awards, with one Best in Show, two Platinum, 13 Gold, 109 Silver and 278 Bronze medals.

The following wine won Chile's Best in Show medals:

- Casa Silva, Gran Terroir Carménère, Los Lingues, Colchagua 2022

**Brazil's** two Gold medals and **Uruguay's** one were awarded to:

- Amitié, Viognier, Serra Gaúcha, Brazil 2022
- Vinícola Ferreira, Piquant Soléil Syrah, Serra da Mantiqueira, Brazil 2022
- Bodega Garzón, Single Vineyard Albariño, Uruguay 2022

### **About DWWA**

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Decanter - the world's leading wine media brand - has a trusted relationship with an international audience of both consumers and trade that sets DWWA apart from other competitions. 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.

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