

THE DWWA JUDGING PROCESS



97-100
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95-96
POINTS An outstanding and memorable wine within its category.

90-94
POINTS A high-quality wine of excitement and personality within its category.

86-89
POINTS A well-made, sound and satisfying wine within its category.

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BEST IN SHOW

The competition culminates in a final tasting of Platinum winners by the Co-Chairs where the ultimate accolade of 'Best in Show' is given to the finest wines of DWWA.

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PLATINUM

In the second round of judging, a panel consisting of Co-Chairs and Regional Chairs re-taste all the Gold winners to guarantee consistent quality, potentially downgrading some to Silver and awarding Platinum medals to the best wines.

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GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE MEDALS

In the first round of judging, Regional Chairs oversee their respective panels, settle any score discrepancies, and re-taste all Silver and Gold winners for consistency.

Co-Chairs then re-taste all Gold winners for final endorsement. Silver winners are therefore tasted twice and Gold winners three times. This rigorous process ensures that each wine is reviewed thoroughly.

CATEGORISATION FOR TRUSTWORTHY RESULTS

The success of Decanter World Wine Awards rests on its **unique judging process** and world-class judging panels, with wines evaluated on a regional basis in carefully organised flights by country, region, colour, grape, style, vintage and price band to ensure wines are judged against their peers.

PRICE BAND A:
up to £14.99 (value)

PRICE BAND B:
£15 to £24.99

PRICE BAND C:
£25 to £49.99

PRICE BAND D:
£50 to £99.99

PRICE BAND E:
£100+