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Record number of entered samples, excellent flights, hard work for the judges: the results of one of the most prestigious international wine competitions in Central Europe have arrived

Despite the difficulties and uncertainty of the spring, the organizers were given the green light in the last minute, so the most recognized wine competition of Hungary, VinAgora International Wine Competition was held for the 22nd time. This edition was accompanied by several challenges: finding the venue for the event, assembling the jury due to travel difficulties, conducting a safe competition from an epidemiological point of view, and last but not least, receiving, handling and sorting the record number of wine samples.

The support of two new partners also contributed greatly to the success of the event this year: **Hotel Novotel Budapest City** raised the standard of the wine competition with an ideal, comfortable venue, helpful colleagues, and gastronomic indulging of the judges; while **Dunavox** ensured the wines were cooled to the optimal tasting temperature.

For the fourth time in a row, VinAgora received a record number of entries. A total of **960 samples** took part in the competition, representing 16 wine-producing countries.

The competition has presented an extremely high standard regarding the quality of the wines, requiring a lot of effort and attention from wine professionals of the jury. This is reflected in the fact that about 80% of the samples received a score corresponding to a silver medal quality, that is, 83 or more points. However, according to the international rules of the professional patrons of the competition (OIV and VINOFEF), only the best 30% of wines in each main category are allowed to actually win a medal. Based on the medal score limits finalized accordingly, **13 Grand Gold, 169 Gold, 108 Silver medals, 7 main-category-winner Champion awards, and another 23 special prizes have been awarded.**

Now to the exceptional performances, starting with **Champion Awards (best wines of the main categories)**:

Still white wines: Kovács Nimród Winery – SKY Furmint Nagy-Eged-hegy 2017

Still rosé wines: Szentpéteri Borpince – Néró Rosé 2020

Still red wines: Fritz Borház – Szekszárdi Primus Cuvée 2018

Pearl wines: Gál Szőlőbirtok és Pincészet – Anna Rosa Gyöngyözőbor 2020

Sparkling wines: Törley Pezsgőpincészet – Törley Chardonnay Brut

Naturally sweet wine specialties: Znovín Znojmo – Tramín červený Výběr z Cibéb 2017

Botrytized wines: Palkó Borok – Tokaji Aszú 2017

The best Hungarian varietal wines:

Cabernet franc: Stier Pincészet – Villányi Franc Super Premium 2017

Cabernet sauvignon: Eszterbauer Borászat – Tivald Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

Chardonnay: Nyakas Pince – Budai Selection Chardonnay 2018

Furmint: Kovács Nimród Winery – SKY Furmint Nagy-Eged-hegy 2017

Kékfrankos (Blaufränkisch): Maul Zsolt Prémium Winery – Creator 2018

Merlot: Tringa Borpince – Merlot Reserve 2017

Olasz rizling (Welschriesling): Herold Pince – Liebling 2018

Irsai Olivér: Bárdos Pincészet – Irsai Olivér 2020

Pinot noir: Gál Szőlőbirtok és Pincészet – Pinot Noir Rosé 2020

Riesling: Késa Birtok – Rajnai Rizling 2020

Sauvignon blanc: Thetis Borászat – Sauvignon Blanc 2020

Syrah: Koch Borászat – Villányi Syrah Classicus 2018

The best wines coming outside of Hungary:

Best of Australia: Wakefield Taylors Wines – St. Andrews Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

Best of Brasil: Casa Valduga Vinhos Finos – Casa Valduga 130 Blanc de Blanc

Best of Czech Republic: Znovín Znojmo – Tramín červený Výběr z Cibéb 2017

Best of France: Mas du Novi – Novi 2014

Best of Italy: Fausto Bulgarini – 010 Lugana DOC 2020

Best of Romania: Balla Géza – Cabernet Sauvignon Sziklabor 2017

Best of Spain: Marques de Carrión – Pata Negra Vendimia Seleccionada 2019

Based on the results of wines, **producers' special prizes** are:

Most successful family winery (presented by CsonkaGroup):

Prantner Pince

Most successful young winemaker (presented by Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles):

Krisztina Rosta – winemaker of Szeleshát Birtok

Best newcomer of VinAgora (presented by VinCE Magazine):

Derczó-Lovas Pince

Prix VINO FED (special prize of the World Federation of Great International Wine and Spirits Competitions for the highest scoring still, dry wine):

Wakefield Taylors Wines Australia – St. Andrews Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

Detailed results can be found on the website of the competition:

<https://vinagora.hu/en/wines>

Further information:

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