



LES CITADELLES DU VIN
LE CONCOURS



REGULATION FOR WINE AND SPIRITS OF VITICULTURAL ORIGIN

Article 1 : OBJECTIVES

The objective of the competition is to:

- Enhance the promotion of quality wines,
- Encourage their production and their reasonable consumption as a factor of civilisation,
- Enhance public awareness of the typical features of wines produced in different countries,
- Raise the technical and scientific level of the participants,
- Contribute to the expansion of wine culture.

Article 2 : PRODUCTS ACCEPTED FOR THE COMPETITION

The competition is open to all wines, special wines and dessert wines, brandies and marc spirits of the member states of the EU, crafted in compliance with European Union regulations, and to the same products from countries outside the EU, crafted in compliance with the applicable legislation in the country of production. Each product is to bear the name of its country of origin where the grapes were harvested and crafted into wine. All products must be presented as if for sale in containers with a volume less than or equal to two litres. All samples must be presented in bottles with their original labelling and presentation.

Article 3 : HOW TO REGISTER

By MARCH 31 at the latest, each participant must send to the CITADELLES DU VIN one registration form for each sample entered ("spirits registration form" for spirits, "wine registration form" for all other wine categories), together with the duly completed payment form and cheque (if the participant is paying by cheque). The registration fee is 175 € inclusive of VAT for each product entered.

This fee is to be paid at the time of registration, by cheque, by bank transfer or by credit card, to the order of the CITADELLES DU VIN.

Samples will be admitted to the contest only if the registration fee has been paid.

In accordance with European legislation, the organiser of an international event held in France is obliged to integrate in the cost of services 19.6% in VAT for all participants, including European Union participants. Proof of payment will be sent to each participant. Registration fees are not refundable.

Article 4 : SAMPLES

The samples presented and bottled :

- must come from a homogeneous batch with a minimum volume of :
- 30 hl for WINES,
- 3 hl of pure alcohol for SPIRITS.
- must already be bottled in containers with a nominal volume less than or equal to two litres and fitted with a non-reusable closure.
- may not exceed the number of 2 for a given commercial identity in the same category, appellation or denomination.

For each entry, participants must send, BEFORE APRIL 15 :

- 6 BOTTLES of 0.75 l for the WINE
- 2 BOTTLES of 0.70 l for the SPIRITS

or the equivalent thereof, totalling a minimum volume of 4.5 litres for wine and 1.5 litres for spirits.

The bottles must be labelled (with their final label). The labelling of the products crafted in the member states of the EU must comply with European Union regulations. For countries outside the EU, labelling must comply with the applicable legislation in the country of origin.

Samples must be sent CARRIAGE PAID (all carriage costs, customs duty and taxes for the sender's account) using the shipment form to the following address : Les Citadelles du Vin - Rue Ulysse Lainé - 33710 Bourg - France

Indicate the name of the sender on the consignment, with the specification : «SAMPLES FOR COMPETITION - NO COMMERCIAL VALUE».

In the case of shipment by air, indicate on the AIRWAY BILL in the box for «accounting information» : FREE HOUSE DELIVERY (DUTY AND TAX INCLUDED). All samples received without any registration (art. 3) shall remain the property of the OLYMPIADES DU VIN.

Article 5 : CLASSIFICATION OF WINES, SORTING OF THE SAMPLES PRESENTED

Once the samples have been checked based on the registration forms and on the analysis reports to ensure that they are correctly registered in the appropriate category, they will be presented to the juries in decreasing vintage order, taking their aromatic intensity into account.

Article 6 : APPOINTMENT OF JURY MEMBERS

The technical committee will appoint jury members and committee members.

The samples are tasted and evaluated by international juries, the number of which is determined based on the number and on the type of wines entered for the competition.

Each jury shall consist of seven members, each representing a leading wine-consuming country. The number of jury members may under no circumstances be less than five. The number of French members may not exceed two per jury.

Each jury works under the authority of a Committee (Presidium) made up of three members :

- a president, in principle from the organising country, a vice-president and a consultant oenologist.

A given Committee (Presidium) may monitor the progress of 1 to 3 juries. Committee members do not take part in evaluations.

The O.I.V. will appoint an expert for the entire Competition. This expert may take part in the work of the various juries as he sees fit, but does not take part in the actual evaluation of the products entered. The expert compiles a report on the progress of the competition. On the basis of this report or of any other information, the O.I.V. may withdraw its approval before the scheduled date.

Article 7 : AWARDS

The technical committee shall award trophies to those samples with the best scores.

The number of awards may not exceed one third of the number of samples entered in the competition.

No prize may be awarded if less than 3 different samples are entered for the competition or for a given category. By «different», it should be understood that the samples must be entered by 3 separate competitors. The winner can choose if he wants to see his result on the prize-list booklet or not.

Article 8 : NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS

Each participant will be advised by letter of the results of the competition. This letter is the only official document certifying that an award has been won. It will specify the nature of the award, the exact identity of the product and the volume declared, together with the name and address of the holder according to the information provided on the registration form.

A diploma and the trophy will be issued to award-winners as proof of the award.

The following will be offered for sale to the declared owner of the award-winning product:

- ROSETTES (self-adhesive),
- WAIVERS (reproduction of the logo).

Award-winners wishing to reproduce the logo of the CITADELLES DU VIN on their label or on any other medium must apply for this right of use ("Reproduction Waiver").

Mention of the award obtained may be made only by the above means. Counterfeiting is strictly forbidden and may be penalised (art. L716-9, L716-10 and L716-11).

The number of rosettes or waivers issued for one and the same award-winning product may not exceed the equivalent in number of 75 cl bottles of the volume from which the declared sample was taken. Specimens shall be sent at the time of the notification of awards with an order form, valid for 1 year.

Article 9 : LEGAL AND CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS

The technical committee reserves the right to have award-winning samples analysed by an approved laboratory and thereafter to take any such steps as it may consider appropriate. One bottle of each award-winning wine with its analysis report shall be kept for one year and remain available to the control services. After that date, the bottles, as well as the samples which did not win an award, may be used for promotional or training purposes.

The author is legally responsible for the information given on the registration form. The technical Committee may verify the truthfulness of such information by any legal means, particular as regards the conformity of the marketed product with the control sample retained by the committee.

In the event of claims or litigation with the CITADELLES DU VIN, irrespective of the nationality of the parties involved, the County Court of Bordeaux shall have sole jurisdiction.

Only texts in French are official in all documents drafted by the competition organisers.