



CONCORSO ENOLOGICO  
INTERNAZIONALE  
CITTÀ DEL VINO

**XXIII INTERNATIONAL  
OENOLOGICAL COMPETITION  
CITTÀ DEL VINO**

**2025**

**International Wine City Challenge**

**REGULATION**



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# REGULATION

## Art. 1 – ORGANISATION

The Italian Association “Città del Vino” organises the **XXIII INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE “CITTÀ DEL VINO”** (International Wine City Challenge) that will be held in SIENA (Tuscany) from 6th to 8th June 2025 - Wines has to be sent to:

**Enoteca Italiana - Fortezza Medicea, ingresso Via della Vecchia 5 - 53100 Siena** Italy, (taking into account the delivery time: 8.30am - 5.00pm from monday to friday).

The contest is organised in cooperation with **RECEVIN** (the European Network of the Cities of Wine), the **International Federation Iter Vitis** (European Cultural route), with the support of the “**Organization International de la Vigne et du Vin**” (O.I.V.). It will be supported by other Associations or National and International Entities active for the economic valorisation of the “Città del Vino” territories and related wineries of quality.

## Art. 2 – AIMS

The **XXII INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE “CITTÀ DEL VINO”** aim to:

- improve high quality wine and their territories, in respect of tradition, produced in Europe, in the RECEVIN territories, in the Cities of the National Associations of “Città del Vino” and in the world wine cities and communities, to sponsor them also through the modern communication tools.
- to let the public know the characteristics of wines and grapes of different countries, helping the consumer to have a reference, through a selection criterion and confidence, to have a more complex and conscious offer;
- support the Mayors of each Municipality with a strong vocation for wine, in their key role as promoter of local economic development.

## Art. 3 – REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARTICIPATION

The participation to the **XXIII INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE “CITTÀ DEL VINO”** is reserved to wines presented by all kind of Wineries, either within or out the EU.

Wines that can join the competition shall be for the European wines, they must have a protected designation of origin and a protected geographical indication, for wines coming from third countries they must have a geographical indication, and quality sparkling wines.

As it is an International Competition, the number of foreign wines shall not be less than 20% of the total.

The participation to the “CITTÀ DEL VINO” Wine Challenge is reserved to bottled wine, obtained by grapes produced in vineyards owned and/or operated by the participating Winery. Participating wines to the **XXIII INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE “CITTÀ DEL VINO”** come from the same lot. **0,375 lt, 0,50 lt and 0,75 lt** bottles are admitted. Bottles shall be labelled in compliance with the current rules.

To the selection of wines are not admitted the wines presented by single producers or associated, who were summoned in the past for fraud or sophistications.

## Art. 4 – CLASSIFICATION OF WINES

The “CITTÀ DEL VINO” Wine Challenge is reserved to fine wines:

- Dry white wines IGP, DOP (Protected Indication of Origin and Protected Denomination of Origin);
- Dry orange wines IGP, DOP;
- Dry rosé wines IGP, DOP;
- Dry red wines IGP, DOP;
- Sparkling dry white wines;
- Sparkling dry rosè wines;
- Sparkling dry red wines;
- Sparkling sweet wines ;
- Sparkling white wines (Metodo CLASSICO);
- Sparkling rosè wines (Metodo CLASSICO);

- Sparkling red wines (Metodo CLASSICO);
- Sparkling white wines (CHARMAT METHOD);
- Sparkling rosè wines (CHARMAT METHOD);
- Sparkling red wines (CHARMAT METHOD);
- Sparkling sweet wines;
- Passito Wines IGP and DOP
- Liquor wines IGP and DOP
- Sweet Wines IGP and DOP

For the classification and the examination of the abovementioned designations we will refer to the EU definitions. The Association will reserve the faculty to modify the categories in relation to the number of the participating samples.

#### **Art. 5 - ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

The ORGANISING COMMITTEE is composed by members named by the European Network of the Cities of Wine (RECEVIN), the Italian Association “Città del Vino”, and CI.VIN srl. The Organising Committee shall supervise the implementation of the initiative. The Organising Committee shall be supported by a Notary and a Lawyer, external to the winery sector, or by a Public Official, checking the regularity of all operations reported in the current regulation. The Organising Committee reserve its right to modify the date of the event and this Regulation, upon agreement of the Ministry in charge, at any needed time.

#### **Art. 6 - THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

The Scientific and Technical Committee is chaired by Prof. Vincenzo Gerbi, Professor of Oenology at Turin University. It is composed by: Angelo Radica, President of “Città del Vino”, Paolo Corbini Genelar Director of the Italian Association of Wine Cities; Josè Arruda, Secretary of AMPV.

#### **Art. 7 – CONDITIONS**

**Wineries that wish to take part to the XXIII INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE “CITTÀ DEL VINO” can apply before 27th of April 2025**

by following the online procedure:

1. with the **payment** of 90,00 € for every sample (70,00€ for extra EU wines), by following the online guided procedure on [www.concorsoenologicocittadelvino.it](http://www.concorsoenologicocittadelvino.it), with the payment (with **PayPal, Credit Card** or **Bank transfer**).
2. Inscription procedure is binding to the payment of the inscription fee and the delivery of samples in the time allowed. No refund is previewed in case the winery sends wines with delay or didn't send them at all. (See ART. 8 - RESPONSABILITIES). The payments relating to the registered samples must be made by the date of delivery of the same, as required by the current Regulation. The samples not paid at the time of the competition will not be tasted. If a company is already liable to the organizing body for non-payd samples referred to a previous edition, they will not be able to register for the new edition of the competition if they have not fully paid their debts.

**WINE SAMPLES HAVE TO BE SENT  
FROM 30th OF APRIL TO 17th MAY 2025 TO:**

**(Fortezza Medicea) – Consegna Merce dal Parcheggio Pubblico Il Campino -  
Piazza della Libertà 1 – 53100, Siena**

(taking into account the delivery time: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm from monday to friday).

Contact to be communicated to the courier: Tel. + 39 338 4337826 - Matilde

The following must be written on the box:

**campione non commerciale per Concorso CITTÀ DEL VINO**

**TO BE DELIVERED for each participating batch:**

- certification as IGP or DOP, released by the Controlling Body, attesting the origin and designation of the wine;

- Self-certification of the sampling and correspondence of the same to the batch indicated in the application form for Italian and Non-Italian Wineries.
- The participating Winery shall allow access in its own premises to the personnel eventually sent by the Organising Committee to do the sampling;
- Nr. **3** 0,75 L bottles from the same lot. In alternative, only for dessert wines, **4** 0,375 L bottles, On the wine package must be written: Non commercial sample sent for the INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE “CITTÀ DEL VINO”;
- certification of analysis also released by the laboratory of the cellar, attesting at least the following parameters:
  1. alcohol by volume at 20°C;
  2. sugar content;
  3. total acidity in g/l expressed as tartaric acid or sulphuric acid;
  4. volatile acidity per mil;
  5. total sulphuric dioxide;
  6. free sulphur dioxide;
  7. pressure in case of “Spumanti” wines.
- Certification of organic wine, released by a recognized certification body (only for the organic wines).

The certification must report the name of the Winery and the participating wine with all useful characteristics for the identification of the sample.

The Organising Committee will carry internal analysis of confrontation and control. The bottles of wine sent for the wine competition will remain property of the organization and may be used at its discretion, for example for promotional activities of the event, tastings, exhibitions or other initiatives related to the competition.

#### **Art. 8 – RESPONSIBILITY**

The Organisers disclaim all responsibility for any delay of delivery of the samples beyond the established date, for the total or partial loss of the samples during the transportation, as well as the preservation status of the samples. All the expenses for the delivery of the samples oversee the Winery, including any customs clearance costs.

#### **Art. 9 – RECEIPT OF THE SAMPLE**

The special Body, created by the Scientific Committee, verify the packing of the wines received and the official documentation enclosed.

After the receipt, all the samples participating to the XXIII INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE “CITTÀ DEL VINO” will be stored following the rules of a good oenological technique. The samples will remain anonymous during the examination by the Committee through two codes:

- one assigned to the sample of the organisation at delivery.
- the second assigned by a Notary or Public Official, formally indicated by the Organising Committee before the presentation of the sample to the tasting committees.

#### **Art. 10 – EVALUATION**

**The evaluation of the samples will be held in Siena (Tuscany) from 6th to 8th June 2025** with international commissions composed by oenologists, wine-making experts, tasters, sommeliers and journalists specialised in the wine sector, with the presence of an O.I.V.’s Inspector.

The Scientific Committee, appointed by the Organising Committee, designates the judges, whose names can be required at O.I.V., among experts from different Countries. Each commission is composed by seven judges. In any case the number of judges can be less than five. Most of the judges are oenologists.

The International Commissions will value the samples in accordance with O.I.V. Regulation, which has recourse to the organoleptic characteristics of the wine based on the “Union Internationale des Oenologues” model; the evaluations will be expressed by each, and every single member and the final score will be based on the arithmetic average of each evaluation, without taking in account the highest and the lowest one.

The results of the evaluations will be published as soon as possible on the web site

[www.concorsoenologicocittadelvino.it](http://www.concorsoenologicocittadelvino.it)

#### **Art. 11 – CONFIDENTIALITY**

To safeguard the prestige of the participating Wineries, the Organising Committee will only publish a award winning wines list, not the entire list or the name of the participating Wineries, nor the score assigned to the single samples.

### **Art. 12 – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AWARD CEREMONY**

According to the final score and O.I.V. regulation, all wines of quality will be awarded, ex-aequo, with the following distinctions:

- **Grand Gold Medal (more than 92/100 score)**
- **Gold Medal (more than 85/100 score)**
- **Silver Medal (more than 82/100 score)**
- **Bronze Medal (minimum 80/100 score)**

They will be recognized, with the previous award, as “Concorso Enologico Internazionale Città del Vino 2025”. It is understood that if such a distinction is destined to packaging of wines that have participated successfully in the competition, the same shall not contain geographic names or mentions reserved by international regulation to other wines.

The sum of all the medals assigned to the champions, who obtained the best result, cannot overcome 30% of the total of the samples presented to the Contest.

The Award ceremony, with the delivery of the Medals and Certificates to the Municipalities as well as the winning Wineries, will take place in the first ten days of July 2025 in the location to be defined.

Winning bottles of the competition will be promoted with the following kind of services:

- a) Publication on [www.concorsoenologicocittadelvino.it](http://www.concorsoenologicocittadelvino.it) of the name of the Winery and related winning products.
- b) Press Release in occasion of the Award ceremony.
- c) Preparation and publishing of **STICKERS CERTIFYING THE AWARD.**
- d) Technical Assistance and organising support for the presentation of winning wines in occasion of local, national and international wine events.

No reproduction referring to the Wine Competition is authorised, nor may it be affixed to the bottles of the winning product batches, apart from the sticker described above, which can be purchased from the Associazione Nazionale Città del Vino.

### **Art. 13 – CHECKS**

The winners of the XXIII INTERNATIONAL OENOLOGICAL CHALLENGE “CITTÀ DEL VINO” shall allow the Organising Committee or its delegates to make inspections and eventually sampling in their cellar. In case of non-fulfilment of the Regulation, they will lose any acknowledgement (received in the Award ceremony) and the Committee will communicate it to the national and international press.

### **Art. 14 – QUALIFIED COMMITTEE**

For any controversy the Qualified Committee is situated in Siena.