



XXIV “CITTÀ DEL VINO” INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION 2026 REGULATION

Art. 1 – ORGANIZATION

The Italian Association Città del Vino organizes the XXIV “CITTÀ DEL VINO” INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION, which will be held in **Pramaggiore (VE) at the National Wine Exhibition of Pramaggiore from Friday, May 29 to Sunday, May 31, 2026.**

The competition is under the scientific patronage of the Organization International de la Vigne et du Vin (O.I.V.) and authorized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests (MASAF), and is carried out in collaboration with Recevin (the European Network of Wine Cities) and the International Federation “Iter Vitis - Les Chemins de la Vigne” (Cultural Route of the Council of Europe). The Italian Association Città del Vino will also make use of contributions from other national and international organizations that operate to promote the economic value of the territories of Wine Cities and their high-quality wine productions.

Art. 2 – PURPOSES

The XXIV EDITION OF THE “CITTÀ DEL VINO” INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION aims to:

- Promote wine culture, high-quality wines, and the territories where they are produced, respecting tradition and obtained in Europe in the territories of RECEVIN member municipalities, National Wine Cities Associations, and all communities worldwide with a strong wine vocation, to increase public awareness also through modern communication tools;
- Make the public aware of the characteristics of wines and grape varieties from different countries, helping consumers to have a reliable reference for a more diverse and informed offer;
- Support the Mayors of municipalities with a strong wine vocation in their role as promoters of local economic development.

Art. 3 – REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

All types of companies located in EU or non-EU municipal territories may participate in the **XXIV INTERNATIONAL “CITTÀ DEL VINO” INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION.**

Wine lots that may participate must have Protected Designation of Origin (PDO – DOC/DOCG) and Protected Geographical Indication (PGI – IGT) for wines of EU origin, geographical indication for wines from third countries, as well as quality sparkling wines (Reg. EU No. 1308/2013).

Bottled wines made from grapes grown in vineyards owned and/or managed by the participating company may enter. Wines must come from a single lot. Allowed formats: 0.375 L, 0.50 L, and 0.75 L.

As an international competition, at least 20% of participating samples must be from foreign origins. Bottles must be labeled according to current regulations and production specifications.

Wines from producers with past convictions for fraud or adulteration are not allowed.

Art. 4 – WINE CATEGORIES

The INTERNATIONAL “CITTÀ DEL VINO” WINE COMPETITION is reserved for the following wine categories:

- STILL WHITE DRY WINES PGI AND PDO
- STILL ORANGE DRY WINES PGI AND PDO
- STILL ROSÉ DRY WINES PGI AND PDO
- STILL RED DRY WINES PGI AND PDO
- SPARKLING WHITE DRY WINES PGI AND PDO
- SPARKLING ROSÉ DRY WINES PGI AND PDO
- SPARKLING RED DRY WINES PGI AND PDO
- SPARKLING SWEET WINES PGI AND PDO
- CLASSIC METHOD WHITE SPARKLING WINES
- CLASSIC METHOD ROSÉ SPARKLING WINES
- CLASSIC METHOD RED SPARKLING WINES
- MARTINOTTI (CHARMAT) METHOD WHITE SPARKLING WINES
- MARTINOTTI (CHARMAT) METHOD ROSÉ SPARKLING WINES
- MARTINOTTI (CHARMAT) METHOD RED SPARKLING WINES
- SWEET SPARKLING WINES
- PGI AND PDO PASSITO WINES
- PGI AND PDO FORTIFIED WINES
- PGI AND PDO SWEET WINES

EU definitions will apply for classification and denomination verification. The organization reserves the right to modify categories depending on the number of entries.

Art. 5 – ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The ORGANIZING COMMITTEE is composed of members appointed by the Italian Association Città del Vino and supervises the implementation of the initiative. An officially authorized body will rely on the work of a notary, lawyer unrelated to the wine sector, or public officer to ensure the regularity of all operations under this regulation. The Italian Association Città del Vino reserves the right to modify the regulation and event dates with prior authorization from the competent Ministry.

Art. 6 – TECHNICAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The Technical Scientific Committee is chaired by Prof. Vincenzo Gerbi, Professor of Oenology at the University of Turin. Members include Angelo Radica, President of the Italian Association Città del Vino ; Paolo Corbini, Director of the Italian Association Città del Vino; Stefania Pianigiani, Technical Director of the Competition; José Arruda, Secretary of AMPV (Wine Cities of Portugal).

Art. 7 – REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Companies can participate at a cost of **€ 90 per sample**, via **online registration at www.concorsoenologicocittadelvino.it**. *Payments by credit card, PayPal, or bank transfer.*

Registration closes on Sunday, April 19, 2026

(non-EU companies will pay € 70.00 per sample)

Registration is binding; non-participation must be communicated to info@cittadelvino.com to remove the sample. No refunds for late or missing sample delivery. Payment must be made by the sample delivery date. Outstanding debts from previous editions must be cleared before registering.

Art. 8 – SHIPPING OF SAMPLES

Three labeled bottles (same lot) of 0.75 L or 0.50 L must be sent; **for dessert wines, 4 bottles** of 0.375 L. Boxes

must be marked:

CAMPIONE NON COMMERCIALE PER IL XXIV CONCORSO
ENOLOGICO INTERNAZIONALE CITTÀ del VINO.

**SAMPLES MUST ARRIVE FROM
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026 AND NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026 AT:**

Mostra Nazionale dei Vini di Pramaggiore
Via Cavalieri di Vittorio Veneto, 13
30020 Pramaggiore - Blessaglia (VE)

Delivery should be made at the rear of the building where the loading bays are located.
Delivery hours: 9:00–13:00 Monday to Friday.

Each sample must be accompanied by a shipment note addressed to Ci. Vin srl c/o Mostra Nazionale dei Vini di Pramaggiore, with the reason:

**“CAMPIONE NON COMMERCIALE PER IL XXIV CONCORSO
ENOLOGICO INTERNAZIONALE CITTÀ del VINO”**

Samples must include the following documents (sent by e-mail to info@cittadelvino.com or included in the shipment):

- **Certificate of PDO authorization** issued by the Control Body confirming the wine origin and denomination;
- **Self-certification** of sample collection signed by the company manager or public officer;
- **Organic wine certificate (if applicable)** issued by a recognized certifying body;
- **Wine analysis** certificate from the cellar laboratory with at least:

1. Alcohol content at 20°C
2. Sugar content
3. Total acidity (g/L) expressed as tartaric or sulfuric acid
4. Volatile acidity per thousand
5. Total sulfur dioxide
6. Free sulfur dioxide
7. Pressure (for sparkling wines)

Certificates must include the company and wine name for proper identification. The official body reserves the right to carry out control analyses.

Bottles sent for the competition remain property of the organizers and may be used for promotion, tastings, exhibitions, charity, or related activities.

Art. 9 – LIABILITY

The organizers decline all responsibility for late delivery, partial or total loss during transport, or sample preservation issues. All shipping costs, including customs clearance, are the responsibility of the participating company.

Art. 10 – SAMPLE RECEIPT

The official body verifies received packages and accompanying documents. Samples will be stored according to good oenological practices. Prior to tasting, samples will be anonymized with two codes:

- First code generated automatically at registration;
- Second code assigned by a notary, lawyer, or public officer.

Art. 11 – EVALUATION

Evaluation will take place in Pramaggiore during May 29–31, 2026, by international commissions, with majority foreign judges (oenologists, technologists, expert tasters, sommeliers, and journalists). An O.I.V. inspector will be present. Each commission has five judges, majority being oenologists.

Evaluation follows O.I.V. rules using the organoleptic sheet; final score is the arithmetic mean. Results will be published on www.concorsoenologicocittadelvino.it within one week.

Art. 12 – AWARDS AND PRIZES

No more than 30% of entries may receive awards according to O.I.V. rules. Award levels:

- **Grand Gold Medal:** score > 92/100
- **Gold Medal:** score > 85/100
- **Silver Medal:** score > 82/100

Special awards may be assigned at the Association's discretion. Award ceremony by early July 2026. Awarded wines and companies will be promoted through: website, magazine, press, stickers, trade fairs. Only the official sticker may be used on bottles.

Art. 13 – CONFIDENTIALITY

Only the list of awarded wines and companies will be published.

Art. 14 – FORCE MAJEURE

The competition is not responsible for events beyond its control (epidemics, fires, floods, strikes, terrorism, etc.). It may cancel, reschedule, shorten, or extend the event without liability.

Art. 15 – CONTROLS

The authorized body may perform checks and inspections. Non-compliance results in disqualification and may be reported to authorities. Winners must allow sample inspections in their cellar; failure to comply results in award revocation.

Art. 16 – GENERAL RULES AND JURISDICTION

- Participants will be informed of results via e-mail.
- Results are final, non-appealable.
- Samples may be used for promotion, training, or charity; they will not be returned.
- Participation implies full acceptance of the regulation.
- Jurisdiction: Siena, Italy.