



RULES

Vinalies® Internationales 2019

OTHER PRODUCTS

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE

The Vinalies® Internationales Other Products competition is organised by the EURL Œnologues de France, 21-23, rue de Croulebarbe 75013 PARIS (France). It is open to other products than wine with or without geographical indication from all countries and regions producing other drinks. It intends to emphasize the maturation capacity and intrinsic qualities of the other products and to distinguish those attaining a very high quality level close to the optimum tasting expression of their appellation or origin. The Vinalies® Internationales Other Products is organised according to the rules set hereafter. These rules are available for consultation by all interested people at www.vinalies-internationales.com

ARTICLE 2: ELIGIBLE PARTIES

From all producing countries, only following are able to enter the competition:

- producers,
- cooperatives,
- unions of cooperatives,
- groups of producers,
- merchant maturers,
- merchant producers.

ARTICLE 3: TERMS OF ADMISSION

Terms of admission to the Vinalies® Internationales Other Products are as follows:

- a) The competition is open to all products (wine-based or other alcohol-based spirits, cider and perry, ice cider, etc.), which must indicate the country where there were produced.
- b) Reference to the origin or source must appear on the bottles. Commercial labels must be compliant with:
 - regulations in force in France for French products.
 - community regulations for European Union Member States.
 - regulations in force in the country where the product was made and importation provisions for third countries.

ARTICLE 4: SAMPLES

Each sample is submitted under the following terms:

- 6 bottles from 0.375 litres to 1 litre for each sample. Bottles should be labelled with their commercial labels.
- Each sample should be delivered to the place indicated before the date stipulated on the entry form.
- Samples shall be forwarded at the expense and risk of the competitors. The EURL Œnologues de France will receive all samples and entry fees and eliminate those which do not comply with the rules.

Non-compliant samples shall not be returned and shall remain the property of the EURL Œnologues de France. Samples sent postage due shall be rejected.

ARTICLE 5: ENTRY PROCEDURES

An entry form for **each** sample must be completed and sent to the EURL Œnologues de France, together with payment of the entry fees and the oenological analysis report.

The oenological analysis report, dated within the last year, which is required, must include, in addition to the information enabling the sample to be identified, the following indications:

- actual alcoholic strength at 20°C in % vol,
- potential alcoholic strength at 20°C in % vol,
- sugars (glucose+fructose) in g/L,
- total acidity in mEq/L,
- volatile acidity in mEq/L,
- total sulphur dioxide in mg/L,
- excess pressure in bar for sparkling and semi-sparkling products.

The entry fees owed per submitted sample are indicated on the entry form.

Bank charges are not covered by the EURL Œnologues de France.

Under no circumstances are the entry fees refundable, regardless of the reasons for entry cancellation.

Payment methods (documentary evidence is to be sent with the entry form and the payment form):

- ↳ by check drawn out to EURL Œnologues de France.
- ↳ by bank transfer (send a copy of the transfer with the entry form).
- ↳ by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Eurocard).

All forms sent without payment of the entry fees and oenological analysis report shall be rejected.

The EURL Œnologues de France reserves the right to limit the number of samples according to the order of arrival of the entry forms.

ARTICLE 6: TERMS OF ORGANISATION OF THE TASTING

Products will be tasted according to their category (origin, type, colour), the samples having been previously placed in identical packing thus hiding their shape and guaranteeing anonymity.

The assessment will be descriptive and include comments on:

- visual characteristics,
- olfactory characteristics,
- palate impression,
- overall impression,
- typicity of the product.

The EURL Œnologues de France shall designate the panels of judges from a pre-established list of tasters. The panels of judges will be primarily composed of French and international oenologists. Chairmanship accrues to a French oenologist, member of the Union des Œnologues de France (French Union of Oenologists). Non-oenologist judges shall be selected among specialists recognised for their skills in the field of tasting, from very different backgrounds such as production, marketing, consumption, communication, etc. The total number of international judges shall be decided according to the number of samples submitted. Each panel shall be composed of at least 5 judges: 3 international judges and 2 French judges including at least one oenologist.

The EURL Œnologues de France shall designate, for each panel, the chairman who shall manage the running of the tasting, ensure the general operating of the panel of judges and summarise the tasting comments.

The EURL Œnologues de France ensures the smooth functioning of The Vinalies® Internationales Other Products competition.

ARTICLE 7: AWARDS

The adopted scale of awards is a system of appreciation enabling to rank the competing products according to their intrinsic qualities.

The EURL Œnologues de France defines the following awards:

- **Vinalies® d'Or**
- **Vinalies® d'Argent.**

These awards, limited to 30% per category or for all participating products shall be attributed according to the appreciation of the panels of judges to the products attaining a high degree of expression deserving to be distinguished.



The products having received the best scores may be rewarded by specific prizes (trophies).

Results will be published when the award winners are announced.

Each participant will be informed about his own results at a later stage by mail.

The EURL Œnologues de France provides the award winners with a diploma and a document stating the name of the competition, the nature of the bestowed award, the identity of the product, the category in which it competed, the volume declared and the name and address of the owner.

Labels indicating the awarded prize may be affixed to the bottles and are available from the EURL Œnologues de France for award-winning products according to the volume declared on the entry form.

Any other reference to the received award is forbidden.

The EURL Œnologues de France reserves the exclusive right to monitor the commercial use of the awards. Unauthorised use and reproduction of the logo and of the awards are strictly forbidden.

The results of the competition shall be as widely broadcasted as possible by means of a guide and any other media (television, radio, specialised magazines, food magazines, mobile application, social networks, etc.).

ARTICLE 8: CONTROLS

The EURL Œnologues de France has exclusive competence to settle any potential disputes.

The EURL Œnologues de France reserves the right to cancel any incomplete or incorrect entries and eliminate all samples non-compliant with the rules.

Organisers reserve the right to have an accredited oenological analytical laboratory carry out an analytical control of award-winning samples and to deal with the results as they deem necessary. The owner and the organiser of the competition shall store, for a year as of the competition, a sample of each award-winning product, and, for five years, the entry form and its oenological analysis report.

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ARTICLE 9: FORCE MAJEURE CIRCUMSTANCES AND MODIFICATIONS

If an event beyond the control of the EURL Œnologues de France prevents the smooth running of the competition, the EURL Œnologues de France cannot, under any circumstances, be held responsible. The EURL Œnologues de France reserves the right to cancel the competition, to alter the initial date, to shorten or to lengthen its duration or to modify the terms or the running order in the case of force majeure circumstances (epidemic, fire, acts of God, strike, acts of terrorism, etc.), of any event beyond their control or if deemed necessary. The EURL Œnologues de France's liability cannot be requested by participants. In addition, the EURL Œnologues de France cannot be held liable for any theft, loss, delay or damage during the transport of the samples.

ARTICLE 10: PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION

Participation in the competition implies compliance with and acceptance of these rules. Entry fees shall not be refunded if the samples, the documents relating to entry and payment of the entry fees arrive after the entry deadline or at the wrong address.

ARTICLE 11: SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

Official languages: French.

Documents available in French, English, Spanish and German.

These rules may be modified each year, at the latest two months before the competition takes place and before competitors begin entering the competition.