

GRENACHES DU *Monde*

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The results are out!

- ***Last week, the 10th edition of Grenaches du Monde was held in Navarre (Spain). Nearly 900 wines were tasted by a panel of international experts of 12 different nationalities. A premiere!***
- ***This is the 10th edition of this competition, which has been travelling through the great Grenache terroirs since 2013: Roussillon, Navarre, Catalonia, Aragon, Sardinia, Languedoc, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Sierra de Gredos, Italian Marches...***
- ***Breaking news: the next edition of the competition will take place in New York in the USA!***

The great journey of the Grenaches du Monde continues. The 10th edition of this travelling competition was held in Olite in Navarre on May 5 and 6. Some 80 tasters from 12 different countries (Korea, Japan, USA, Belgium, Germany, UK, Andorra, Colombia, Uruguay, France, Italy, and Spain) took part. This was a perfect edition thanks to a solid partnership with the Spanish appellation of Navarra wines, which thus reaffirmed its commitment to the identity of Grenache, the historic and emblematic grape variety of the region.

"For the contest and its initiator, the Conseil Interprofessionnel des Vins du Roussillon, it is with pride that we see the great family of Grenaches du Monde grow with Navarre as a partner. In Olite we have found a partner of choice who has enabled us to celebrate our 10th anniversary in perfect conditions", explains Fabrice Rieu, President of the Contest.

"We are very pleased to have been selected to organise this prestigious international contest. This recognition encourages the wineries and winegrowers of Navarre to continue the effort and work they have done to put Navarre on the world map of Grenache", confirms Javier Santafé, Director General of the D.O. Navarra Regulatory Council.

The organisation of the contest ended in the Salle d'Armes of the Citadel of Pamplona, with the Garnoche: a festive Night of the Grenaches of Navarre (and of the World!) open to a public of enlightened amateurs. The occasion for Stéphane Zanella, president of the Conseil Interprofessionnel des Vins du Roussillon, to confirm the next stage of the contest which will leave the European Grenache terroirs for the first time in 2023:

"We have been working on the New York edition for two years, but Covid has forced us to postpone the event. In 2023, the contest will be a luxury showcase for Grenache and its wines in the world's largest market," he explains.

The results, marked by an impressive increase in the quality of the wines entered in the competition, are available online at grenachesdumonde.com.

About Grenache: With 163,000 hectares of vineyards, Grenache is the seventh most planted grape variety in the world. It is the emblematic variety of the Mediterranean countries, mainly Spain and France, since together they account for almost 90% of the world's planted area. Spain, France, and Italy are the three main producing countries, but Grenache is very popular throughout the world: North and South Africa, Australia, North and South America, Croatia, Greece, Lebanon, etc. In Spain, it is mainly grown in the Ebro Valley: Navarra, Rioja, Aragon, and Catalonia, although it is also found in other regions such as the Sierra de Gredos in Madrid.

About Grenaches du Monde: Created in 2013 by the Conseil Interprofessionnel des Vins du Roussillon (CIVR) in Perpignan, the Concours Grenaches du Monde, became itinerant in 2016 with its first edition held in Aragon (Campo de Borja), then in Sardinia (2017) and in Catalonia (Terra Alta, 2018). In 2019, the competition returned to Perpignan, and the following year it headed to Montpellier in partnership with Vins de Pays d'Oc, the world's leading producer of rosé Grenache wines. In 2021, the pandemic has forced the event to split into 4 successive tastings: Cebreros in Spain, Perpignan and Châteauneuf-du-Pape in France and Ascoli Piceno in Italy. In 2022, the contest returns to its normal format in Olite, Navarra (Spain).

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