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International Wine Contest MONDIAL DES VINS EXTRÊMES - 2024

Aosta Valley (I) – 29th - 30th September 2024

REGULATIONS

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The “Mondial des Vins Extrêmes” is part of VINO FED, the World Federation of Major International Wine Competitions, and it is the only wine competition in the world expressly dedicated to wines from heroic viticulture.

ARTICLE 1 - GOAL

The CERVIM (*Centre for Research, Studies, Protection, Coordination and Enhancement of Mountain Viticulture*), in collaboration with the *Aosta Valley Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources of the Autonomous Region of Aosta Valley* and the *Italian Association of Sommeliers – Aosta Valley section*, is the Organizer of the “Mondial des Vins Extrêmes – 2024”.

That Competition, which is open to wines produced in vineyards on mountainous or steep slopes, terraced areas or small islands, is a reference point for vine growers and wine producers of those areas.

ARTICLE 2 – ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Organizing Committee, chaired by the President of CERVIM, is made up of four members:

- the President of CERVIM;
- a delegate of the *Aosta Valley Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources of the Autonomous Region of Aosta Valley*;
- a delegated officer of the *Italian Association of Sommeliers – Aosta Valley section*.

The Event Committee’s mission is to supervise the realization of the “Mondial des Vins Extrêmes” Wine Competition.



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ARTICLE 3 – ADMITTED WINES

The “Mondial des Vins Extrêmes – 2024” - is open to all wines produced using grapes from vineyards presenting at least **one of the following** permanent structural difficulties:

- altitude higher than 500 metres above sea level, excluding vineyards on high plateaus;
- slopes with gradients greater than 30%;
- vines grown on terraces or embankments;
- vines grown on small islands.

A Winery is a producer identified by a denomination or business name appearing also on the wine label. Wineries are those that transform grapes or grape must into wine or that make special wines or process wine to bring out the set of characteristics required for a particular appellation of origin, or those that refine or age wine.

Only wines from batches consisting of a minimum of 500 bottles – with bottle capacity detailed in section 5d) –, can be entered into the “Mondial des Vins Extrêmes - 2024”.

Flavoured wines and flavoured wine-based beverages or cocktails/mixtures of products are excluded. In addition, any wine made by single or associated producers who have been found guilty of fraud or adulterating wine isn't admitted.

The international Competition cannot include less than 20% of foreign wines out of the total number of entries.

ARTICLE 4 – WINE CATEGORIES

Wines which may take part in the “Mondial des Vins Extrêmes – 2024” **are those labelled PDO - Protected Denomination of Origin - or PGI - Protected Geographical Indication -** for wines issued in the European Community and with Geographical Indication for wines from other Countries (in accordance with the definition in art. 22 of the TRIPS Agreement), as well as quality sparkling wines (as defined by EU Regulations No. 1308/2013, Annex 7, Part II, No. 5).

Wines from non-EU Countries, considering the Geographical Indication, as in the previous paragraph, must respect *OIV (Organisation Internationale de la Vigne et du Vin)* labelling international standards,

Entries are divided into 9 categories:

- 1 – Still white wines from 2023 (containing up to 6 g/l of sugar residue);
- 2 - Still white wines from 2022 and prior;
- 3 – Still semi-sweet white wines (containing between 6.1 and 45 g/l of sugar residue);



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- 4 – Still red wines from 2022 and 2023;
- 5 – Still red wines from 2021 and prior;
- 6 – Still rosé wines;
- 7 – Sparkling wines;
- 8 – Sweet wines (with more than 45 g/l of sugar residue);
- 9 – Fortified wines.

“Still wines” are defined as wines containing natural carbon dioxide at a concentration of less than one atmosphere.

All products that do not fall into one of the above groups are not eligible for the Competition.

Wines already awarded in previous editions of the Competition can't be presented.

Samples found not to comply with the above categories will be excluded from the Competition. The Winery will not be entitled to reimbursement of the entry fee and the wine samples, sent and not admitted, won't be returned.

ARTICLE 5 – ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE

The application form must be completed online on the website www.mondialvinsextremes.com, **by 7th September 2024**. If you can't apply online, please contact the Competition secretariat to the following numbers: mobile +39.335.7050965;

For each entered wine, the Winery must send the following items by courier **from 1st June to no later than 11th September 2024** to the following address: **MONDIAL DES VINS EXTRÊMES – c/o CAVE DE L'ENFER – Via C. Gex, 52 - 11011 Arvier (AO) – ITALY:**

- a) **the original application form printed and signed;**
- b) **front and back labels preferably in electronic format (useful for printing), or if not available, 3 paper labels** identical to those appearing on the wine entered into the Competition, as well as data sheets describing each wine;
- c) a copy of the documentation showing the payment of the 75€+ VAT 22% fee for each of the first two entered wines, 65€+VAT 22% fee for each additional entry up to the 5th one and gratuitousness for the 6th one and thereafter. For **each further** entry the fee will be 55€+ VAT 22%, with a gratuitousness every 5 entered wines; VAT is payable only by companies that are not registered in VIES or that are based in countries outside the EU or in the Canary Islands. Those amounts are fixed as reimbursement of all organizational expenses. The payment must be done by bank transfer to: Unicredit Banca – branch of Aosta, **IBAN code IT72X0200801399000060043906 – BIC/SWIFT: UNCRITM1CB9**, to the order of CERVIM;



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The bank transfer must clearly indicate **the participating Winery's business name** and specify that the payment is intended for "Mondial des Vins Extrêmes - 2024" (**bank fees have to be paid entirely by the sender**). Wines for which no entry fee has been paid will be disqualified;

d) two (2) bottles of wine from the same batch, containing 0,750 l or, for sweet or fortified wines only, 3 bottles containing 0,500 l or 4 bottles containing 0,375 l. The bottles must be fully labelled and packaged in a single package on which "**CAMPIONE NON COMMERCIALE**" (non marketable sample) must be clearly indicated. The package has to be shipped to the "MONDIAL DES VINS EXTRÊMES", c/o CAVE DE L'ENFER – Via C. Gex, 52 - 11011 Arvier (AO) – ITALY:

Wineries wishing so can make only one shipment of 6 bottles of 0.750 l and, only for sweet wines, 9 bottles of 0.500 l or 12 bottles of 0.375 l. **In the event of a medal win, they will no longer have to send further bottles.**

Wineries winning a medal, which sent only 2 bottles, must ship, free of charge, 6 additional bottles of the same batch containing 0,750 l or, for sweet or fortified wines only, **9 bottles** containing 0,500 l or **12 bottles** containing 0,375 l **only of the awarded wine.**

Failure to ship additional bottles will exclude the awarded wine from the prize;

e) a sampling record, automatically generated during the online enrolment procedure, must be filled in and signed **by the Winery owner as self-certification**. The Winery agrees to allow the access to its premises to all staff in charge of taking samples;

f) a certificate of analysis, which can be issued by the Cellar laboratory, showing at least one of the following parameters:

- alcohol by volume at 20° C;
- residual sugar in g/l;
- pressure, for sparkling wines.

The certificate of analysis must indicate the name of the Winery and the name of the participating wine, along with all the information needed to identify the sample. The Event Committee reserves the right to carry out its own analyses to compare them with/verify the analysis provided;

g) for DOP wines, a certificate of eligibility issued by the competent authority is required.

Along with all the above items, the Winery must send a personal data consent form (already pre-completed during the online enrolment procedure), as per GDPR 2016/679, duly stamped and signed by the Winery's legal representative. One single form will be sufficient for any number of samples sent. **Please send the documents together with the wine samples, inside the package.**



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The officially authorised Body carries out appropriate checks as per Ministerial Decree of 9th November 2017.

If those checks should show discrepancies between the data declared and those ascertained, the batch of the involved wine will automatically be disqualified from the Competition and the competent authorities informed of any irregularities.

ARTICLE 6 – SHIPPING OF WINE SAMPLES

The event organisers refuse any responsibility for delays or late arrivals of samples with respect to the deadline, for damage or total/partial loss during transport, for chemical/physical or organoleptic changes to the wines as a result of temperature variations, or for breakage or any other problem that may occur during transport.

Costs for shipping, customs clearance and transport to destination are fully paid by the participating Wineries.

Those expenses must be paid directly to the shipper.

Any wines that do not comply with those instructions will not be admitted to the Competition. The samples which do not meet the requirements will not be collected and therefore will be automatically excluded from the Competition.

That will not entitle the Winery to recover any entry fees paid, which means that all shipping charges are the sole responsibility of the Winery which ships all contents at its own risk.

Any sample shipped as carriage forward will be rejected and not returned to the sender.

ARTICLE 7 – STORAGE CONDITIONS AND ANONYMIZATION

From the receipt to the tasting, the Event Organizer will ensure that samples are kept in strict compliance with appropriate wine storage conditions.

Before being tasted by the Committees, the wines will be anonymized by assigning them two codes each:

- the first code will be assigned by the Event Organizer on taking delivery of the sample;
- before the samples are handed over to the Committees for judging, a second code will be assigned by a notary or lawyer who has been formally appointed by CERVIM and does not have any connection with the wine industry.

The Public Official who supervises the various administrative tasks carried out during the Competition may be assisted by trustworthy staff. He guarantees that all operational and



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regulatory requirements are met and that wine samples are preserved from the time they are blinded until the classification has been drawn up.

ARTICLE 8 – JURY MEMBERS

The competition Jury is made up of judging Committees, in accordance with the Art.6, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Ministerial Decree of 9th November 2017. Each Committee consists of:

- 3 wine tasters, holding a qualification as wine technician or oenologist or any other equivalent qualification obtained outside of Italy, representing areas associated or not with CERVIM;
- 2 expert wine tasters.

The Committees, in accordance with the provisions of the Ministerial Decree of 9th November 2017 will have a majority of foreign Members, still respecting the number of 3 wine tasters as stated above.

The evaluation method will adopt the assessment form developed by the U.I.O.E -“Union Internationale des Œnologues” (International Union of Oenologists) which is used during International Wine Competitions. The evaluation form uses a scale of 100 points.

Each Member of the Committee gives his/her own independent assessment.

The tasting Committees are made up of 5 members: one of the wine tasters acts as President of his or her judging table and carries out a preliminary check to verify that all forms are filled in correctly, as well as regulating the order of the tasting sessions.

If any of the judges is not able to carry out his or her duties during any tasting session, they may be replaced by a person with the same role, also by Italian wine technicians and/or journalists designated by the CERVIM, excluding anyone who has directly or indirectly contributed to the organisation of the Competition.

The Jury’s verdict is final. For confidentiality reasons, only the list of the award-winning wines will be made public, not the list of all the Wineries participating in the Competition nor the score assigned to each sample.

Upon request made by 31st December 2024, the CERVIM will provide Wineries with a copy of the anonymized jury’s evaluation of their wine(s) taking part in the Competition.

ARTICLE 9 – SCORES AND MEDALS

Each wine entered in the Competition will be evaluated by a Committee.

Selected wines will be awarded as follows:



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- **Silver Medal:** from 85 to 88.99 points;
- **Gold Medal:** from 89 to 92.99 points;
- **Grand Gold Medal:** from 93 to 100 points.

As established by the rules of the OIV (International Organization of Vine and Wine), **the total number of the assigned awards must not exceed 30% of the total number of entries in the Competition.**

According to their score, Wineries of the winning wines will be awarded with a diploma.

The final score for each sample is determined by calculating the arithmetic mean of the numerical ratings, after excluding the highest and the lowest evaluations.

The Wineries winning medals will be given the opportunity to use an adhesive stamp, representing the won medal, to be glued only on the bottles of the batch to which the awarded wine belongs.

ARTICLE 10 – SPECIAL PRIZES AND DIPLOMAS

The **“Prix Spécial - CERVIM 2024”** will be awarded to the **Winery of each participating Country** (with at least 5 enrolled Wineries) that achieves the top score, i.e. the total of the highest scores obtained by 3 wines entered in 3 different categories that have a score of at least 80 points out of 100.

The **“Grand Prix - CERVIM 2024”** will be awarded to **the wine that obtains the best score.**

The **“Prix Excellence - CERVIM 2024”** will be awarded to **the best wine of each participating Country** with at least 8 enrolled Wineries. If the "Prix Excellence - Cervim 2024" coincides with the "Grand Prix - Cervim 2024", the prize will be awarded to the next ranked wine.

The **“Prix BIO - CERVIM 2024”** will be awarded to the top-scoring **organic or biodynamic wine** entered in any of the categories. That prize will be awarded only if at least 5 Wineries will present that kind of wine to the Competition. **To compete for that award it is necessary to insert, in the envelope containing the application form, the certification issued by nationally and internationally recognized Organizations.**

The **“Prix Petites Iles - CERVIM 2024”** will be awarded to the top-scoring **wine produced on small islands.** Again, that prize will be awarded only if at least 5 Wineries will present that kind of wine to the Competition.

The **“Prix Futur - CERVIM 2024”** will be awarded to the **Winery whose owner or business partner is 35 years old or younger** and whose wine obtains the best score. **To compete for that prize it is necessary to insert, in the package containing the application form, a copy of the identity document and a recent Chamber of Commerce registration or other document certifying the ownership.**



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The **“Prix Femme - CERVIM 2024”** will be awarded to the Winery whose owner or business partner is a women and whose wine obtains the best score. **To compete for that prize it is necessary to insert, in the package containing the application form, a copy of the identity document and a recent Chamber of Commerce registration or other document certifying the ownership.**

The **“Prix Original - CERVIM 2024”** will also be awarded **to the top scoring wine produced from a grape variety “on own root” (not grafted).** That prize will be awarded only if at least 5 Wineries will present that kind of wine to the Competition.

The **“Prix Mondial des Vins Extrêmes 2024”** will be awarded to the **wine-growing area** that enters the highest number of wines in the Competition.

The **Prix VINO FED 2024**, awarded in all the wine competitions belonging to the Federation of the Great World Wine Competitions, will be attributed to the best dry wine that has obtained the best score in the Competition. In the event that the VINO FED prize coincides with the GRAND PRIX CERVIM 2024, the prize will be awarded to the next ranked wine.

Wines and Wineries winning the above-mentioned prizes will receive a diploma and a handcrafted object.

Any reproduction concerning the Mondial des Vins Extrêmes, outside of the stamps officially issued by the Organisation, will not be authorised and has not be attached on the rewarded wine bottles or advertising material.

ARTICLE 11 – AWARDS CEREMONY

The awards ceremony will take place during a special event organized by the CERVIM during which all the award-winning wines will be available for a wine-tasting event open to the public.

The CERVIM will provide a list of winners in the form of a printed booklet during events, fairs, press conferences and institutional ceremonies where the winning wines will be presented.

Any prize which is not claimed during the awards ceremony will not be sent to the Wine Producer by the CERVIM, which, however, can send the diploma(s) by post. Those who wish to receive their special prize(s) will have to bear the delivery costs. The Organization declines all responsibility for any loss, damage or non-delivery.

ARTICLE 12 – LEGAL NOTES

The Event Organizer reserves the right to change those entry requirements at any time should it be necessary, upon receiving authorization from the competent Government Body. Any dispute arising will be subject to the jurisdiction of the Judicial Court of the city of Aosta, Italy.

Those regulations are translated for information purposes only. Only what is described in the Italian regulations is valid.