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A Great Success for the exported contest in Spain

Created in 2013 by the Roussillon Wines Council (CIVR), the International Contest Grenaches du Monde was exported for the first time out of the Roussillon in 2016. The 4th edition took place on Friday February the 5th, 2016 in Zaragoza, Spain, more precisely in Aragon on the DO Campo de Borja land.

A **Unique and International event**, the Grenaches du Monde contest is a **world confrontation** which highlights the richness and diversity of the wines from this grape. The Contest is open to all the Geographic Indication wines (AOP & IGP) containing at least 60% of grenache grape, all colors (red, rosé, white) and all sorts of wines, still and sparkling dry wines, fortified or natural sweet wines, and other sweets.

An International Gratefulness for the Grenache grapes.



For this 4th edition, 576 samples from 260 estates: cooperatives, private cellars and wine merchants, from 6 countries (France, Spain, Italy, Macedonia Republic, Australia and Greece) were presented. They were judged by 80 professionals: sommeliers, journalists, oenologists coming from Spain, Italy, France, Greece, Belgium, USA, Great Britain, Portugal, Netherlands and Germany. The tasting took place close to the Moncayo Mountains, in the outstanding Monastery of Veruela.

THE 2016 PRIZE LIST - 176 MEDALS: 82 GOLD MEDALS, 73 SILVER MEDALS, 21 BRONZE MEDALS.

51 medals for France, 110 for Spain, 13 for Italy, 1 for Greece and 1 for Australia.

38 MEDALS FOR THE PRODUCERS IN ROUSSILLON !
17 GOLD MEDALS, 19 SILVER MEDALS, 2 BRONZE MEDALS



THE TECHNIQUE IN THE HEART OF GRENACHE

By opening this great appointment of grenache, the laboratory of oenology and wine aromas from the University of Zaragoza Sciences organized the day before the contest the technical day "Grenache research" to expose the last studies that have been conducted all over the world on the vine.

THE NIGHT OF GRENACHE, THE « RENDEZ-VOUS » FOR THE GRENACHE WINE LOVERS

The traditional Night of Grenache was organized in one of the most emblematic buildings in town: Bantierra Headquarter, a bank strongly implanted in Aragon (Spain).

More than 400 participants: professionals, amateurs, oenophiles... were able to discover the richness of the Grenache wines thanks to 576 the samples presented.

GRENACHES DU MONDE IN VINISUD... AND IN SARDINIA IN 2017



At the occasion of the Night of Grenaches, CIVR president Fabrice Rieu announced that the 2017 contest would take place in Sardinia. Fabrice Rieu and Eduardo Ibáñez, DO Campo de Borja president (who organized the 2016 contest) officially passed the torch on to Lady Falchi, regional advisor in Sardinia, delegate for agriculture.

An exceptional tasting of the gold medals awarded wines was organized by CIVR on Monday February 15th, 2016 in VINISUD Montpellier.

2016 Key Facts:

576 presented samples (+20% vs 2014)

176 awarded wines

80 judges

6 participating countries

FOR ROUSSILLON:

73 Presented samples

38 Awarded wines : 17 gold medals, 19 silver medals, 2 bronze medals

24 medals for the Fortified Sweet Wines : 11 for the AOP Banyuls and Banyuls Grand Cru
10 for the AOP Rivesaltes, 3 for the AOP Maury

14 medals for the Dry Wines : 2 for the AOP Collioure, 4 for the AOP Maury Sec, 4 for the AOP Côtes du Roussillon Villages, 1 the AOP Côtes du Roussillon, 3 for the IGP Côtes Catalanes

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