Global Trends - Beverages

The Champagne & Sparkling World Wine Championships 2018

The world’s most prestigious sparkling wine competition, The Champagne & Sparkling Wine World Championships 2018 (CSWWC) have announced a total of 116 Gold and 128 Silver medals were awarded in this year’s competition to 18 different countries. France gained the largest haul of Gold medals with 47 Golds and 36 Silver, closely followed by Italy who romped home with a collective total of 71 Gold and Silver medals with Franciacorta and Trentodoc the two regions coming out on top. The judges were also particularly impressed by the quality of Australian, USA and English entries this year who brought home consecutively, ten, five and nine Golds. The judges all commented that this has been the toughest judging yet as the quality and diversity of sparkling wine improves year on year. [Click here to read more]

Medal winners - [Click here to read more]

Major Wine Producing Countries

Chile 2018 vintage: ‘A year of finesse’

Chile’s 2018 vintage has been tipped by several winemakers as one of the best in recent years, with a good crop, moderate temperatures and relatively few weather-related dramas expected to produce balanced wines in many regions. Official figures haven’t been released yet, but it is estimated 2018’s harvest was approximately 1.1 billion kilos, which is in-line with the annual average and a 20% increase from last year. [Click here to read more]

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The Canadian wine industry is to receive C$8.4 million in funding for research over the next five years. The Canadian wine industry as a whole will also contribute $3.7m and the money will go to support a new research project called the Canadian Grapevine Certification Network (CGCN) which will, "help growers better protect their crops, test new vine varieties, and analyse growing practices in Canadian vineyards that are better for the environment."

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