



**III INTERNATIONAL  
VOLCANIC WINE AWARDS**

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS 2026**

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# REGULATIONS

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## Section 1- PRESENTATION OF THE CONTEST

Wine Connection has called for entries for the International Volcanic Wine Awards.

The scope of the contest covers wines elaborated in traditional volcanic areas. It is well known that volcanoes influence in vineyards is one of the most ancient and fascinating on viticulture and continues to offer unique and inimitable wines. These wines are enriched with special aromas and a dash of salinity, which will evolve over time to a pleasant minerality.

The different origins of volcanic areas results in a grounds with unequal structure, acidity and chemical constitution, but they all have a common denominator: the abundance of mineral elements.

There are currently various winemaking regions in the world recognised as “volcanic viticulture” that can participate in this call such as: Canary Island and Campo de Calatrava in Spain, Tokaj and the surrounding towns, Somlo in Hungary, the area of Vesuvius to the Vulture (Campania, the Phlegraean Fields, the wines of Vesuvius or the surroundings of the Vulture), Soave, upper Piedmont, and wines from Etna, Pantelleria and the Aeolian Islands in Italy, the Azores and Madeira in Portugal, Santorini in Greece, Languedoc and Auvergne in France, Lake County in California, United States, Choapa Valley, Malleco Valley and Maule Valley in Chile, Auckland region in New Zealand, wines from Nahe region in Germany.

If it is considered that produces volcanic wines and is not located in any of these areas, please, contact us to explore the possibility of including it.

The main objectives of the contest are:

- ❖ Enhancing the quality, productivity and the image of the volcanic wine both national and international levels
- ❖ To encourage the production of quality wines from terroir vineyards because of the unique qualities to the volcanic soils.
- ❖ To disseminate organoleptic characteristics of these wines among the general public.
- ❖ Targeting people to encourage consumption in order to make known the richness of the participating regions, its wines and their work to build a culture of volcanic wine.
- ❖ To bring together the different wine categories produced by wineries located in volcanics enclaves and reward best products. These will be the first edition of the contest whose sole purpose is to promote all these wines for achieve greater credibility and more visibility among national and international public.

## SECTION 2<sup>a</sup> PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Participation will be open to all wineries, producer cooperatives, bottling plants around the world and any company that marketing wines who should be considered volcanics according to the following legislation.

- In force in the producer country, to third countries
- At European Union level for wines from member states
- At national level for French wines.

All these products must be destined for sale and must be from a homogeneous batch of at least 1000 litres. On an exceptional basis, a reduced volume, of at least 100 litres, may be admitted upon justification of a particularly low production. All samples must be presented with labels and commercial presentation.

Wines whose presentation or composition do not comply with the provisions of current regulations and these rules will be disqualified.

Likewise, wines whose companies do not comply with the wine regulations in force in each country will be disqualified.

## SECTION 3<sup>a</sup> REGISTRATION FORMALITIES

Those interested in participating in this contest must send a request for participation (Annex I) and the receipt of the registration transfer, in accordance with the model in the annex, **before July 1, 2026**, through one of the following means:

- \* Through the website [www.volcanicwineawards.com](http://www.volcanicwineawards.com) registration section
- \* By mail at [volcanicwines@wineconnection.es](mailto:volcanicwines@wineconnection.es)
- \* By postal mail to Events Connection – Camino de los Almegares, s/n, 13005 Ciudad Real, Ciudad Real, Spain
- \* Telephone number: +34 926 03 60 60

The information indicated in the registration form is the responsibility of the author. International Volcanic Wine Awards, may at any time verify the truthfulness by any legal means and take any action as it deems necessary.

## SECTION 4<sup>a</sup> SHIPPING OS SAMPLES

They must send three glass bottles of wine, provided with a complete closure system, labeled and packaged in perfect condition, being stored in appropriate conditions for their best conservation until the time of the contest (shipping, customs and taxes paid by the sender).

The shipping address is:

INTERNATIONAL VOLCANIC WINE AWARDS

-Event Connection-

Camino de los Almegares, s/n

13005 Ciudad Real

CIUDAD REAL

SPAIN

Telf. +34 926 03 60 60

They must be accompanied by:

- Copy of registration.

- A pro forma bill stating: Samples without commercial value Excise O under EEC Regulation No. 2913/92 of 12/10/92.

- A payment form filled out or proof of bank transfer for the cost of participation.

**The period for receiving applications and samples is established until 2:00 p.m. on July 1, 2026**, and neither applications for participation nor wine samples received afterward may be admitted.

Samples that arrive late, or that have not been the object of correct registration or that don't correspond to the registered product will not be presented for the competition, nor returned.

The samples sent remain the property of the person responsible for registration until the tasting. After tasting, the remaining samples are the property of Event Connection.

International Volcanic Wine Awards checks the shipments of wine received and the official documents that accompany them, corrects any possible errors and refuses samples that do not correspond to the regulations mentioned herewith.

It emphasises the correct use of appellations of origin and geographical denominations. The labelling of products made in the EU member states must comply with the Community regulations, and for other countries, this must conform to the regulations in force in the country of production.

It then proceeds to divide the samples according to the characteristics on the declarations or, if necessary, on obvious characteristics.

## SECTION 5<sup>a</sup> PARTICIPATION CATEGORIES

Six categories of wines have been established in which they can compete:

- a) Red wines from the 2024 and 2025 vintages.
- b) Reds from 2023 and previous vintages.
- c) Still whites from vintages 2024 and 2025.
- d) Still whites from 2023 and previous vintages.
- e) Rosés.
- f) Sparkling.
- g) Sweet and fortified wines.

## SECTION 6<sup>a</sup> PARTICIPATION COST AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

Participation cost are on a sliding scale:

Registration of 1 sample: 95 €

Registration of 2 samples: 150 €

Registration of 3 samples: 200 €

Registration of successive samples: 40€ by samples

(I.V.A including)

For example: to register 5 samples you must pay: 200€ + 40€ + 40€ = 280€

Payment of registration fees will be made by bank transfer addressed to:

### EVENTS CONNECTION

Concept: International Volcanic Wine Awards and the name of the participating company.

Bank data: ES11- 3081 - 0601 - 01 – 2577995828 Caja Rural Castilla La Mancha

- SWIFT: ERSVES22XXX

Registration prices do not include transportation costs for sending samples (shipping, customs and taxes paid by the sender).

These rates are subject to any modification that may be necessary by the organization and that will be communicated to the participants sufficiently in advance.

You must send proof of payment along with the samples.

## SECTION 7<sup>a</sup> DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMPETITION AND TASTING PROCEDURE

The tasting will take place on October 23 at the Grupo Phi facilities in Ciudad Real, Spain.

The Technical Management of the Contest will be carried out under the supervision of the designated members of Wine Connection and will have the mission of ensuring its perfect development, adopting the rules it deems appropriate to guarantee these rules and in particular, it will verify:

- Registration process, bagging the bottles and assigning codes for the anonymity of the samples.
- Conservation of samples in appropriate conditions.
- The optimal conditions for serving the wine, especially its temperature. The wine will be served in the presence of the Jury in glasses suitable for tasting. As a general rule, wines will be tasted at approximately the following temperatures:
  - White and Rosé Wines 6-10° C
  - Red Wines and Sweet Wines 15-18° C
  - Sparkling Wines and Sparkling Wines 8-10 ° C
  - Dry liqueur wines 8-10 ° C
  - Semi-sweet and sweet liqueur wines 12-14° C
- Maintain the absolute anonymity of the wines presented in the competition, the tasting will be blind.
- Collection and processing of the tasting sheets: The organization will collect the tasting sheets with the evaluations of each taster and will proceed to their computer processing in order to obtain the decision of the contest. Once the process of collecting and processing the tasting cards is completed, the samples that obtain the highest scores and win prizes will be identified.

The order of presentation of the samples will be carried out by successive homogeneous series of each category following the following order: Still whites from vintages 2024 and 2025, still whites from 2022 and previous vintages, rosés, reds from vintages 2024 and 2025, reds from 2023 and previous vintages, finally, sparkling wines and sweet and fortified wines. The order may vary according to the needs of the tasting.

## SECTION 8<sup>a</sup> JURY

A President of the Tasting Committee will be appointed who will act as master of ceremonies to present the protocol that will govern the tasting and the rules to be taken into account, establishing himself from that very moment as the highest authority when it comes to resolving the possible vicissitudes of the event. Convened tasting committees will be established and accommodated.

The competition management decides the number of Juries and designates the members of each one. The jury will be made up of a minimum of two tasting committees, each composed of an odd number of no less than three members selected from qualified professionals, such as oenologists, sommeliers or gastronomes, professional associations related to the sector and specialized press. The number of Juries will be determined based on the samples registered.

Each member of the jury will taste each wine individually and in a non-comparative manner, filling out the sensory tasting sheet that includes the following criteria: sight, smell, taste and general harmony of the product. He will evaluate as he deems appropriate and sign in the corresponding place. If the tasting card is not signed and identified correctly, it will be canceled for all purposes.

For the evaluation of the wines, the established regulations will be rigorously applied and the tasting sheets will always be used, in accordance with the model of the International Wine Office (O.I.V.) (Annex II).

## SECTION 9<sup>a</sup> AWARDS

The distinctions awarded by International Volcanic Wine Awards according to the different scores are:

The Grand Gold Medal: 95 points or more

The Gold medal: from 93 to 95 points

The Silver Medal: from 90 to 93 points

The Bronze Medal: From 85 to 90 points

The total number of distinctions awarded must not exceed 30% of the number of samples registered. In addition to these prizes, and without this implying an increase in the 30% limit authorized by VINO FED and the OIV, the organization may award special prizes based on their origin (country), variety, category, production, presentation, etc..

If in any of the categories none of the samples presented reached the minimum score of 85 points, the awards in said category would be void.

The jury's decision will be final and will be issued once it has been deliberated.

## SECTION 10<sup>a</sup> DIVULGATION

The organization will be in charge of providing the winners with promotional platforms in addition to establishing other actions to disseminate the award and the winners in all local, regional and national media that have technical and budgetary reach.

The award-winning wines may mention the distinction as well as the score obtained, on the labeling of the batch and in its advertising, in accordance with the provisions of current regulations.

The Organization reserves the right to modify the prize delivery date and place for reasons beyond its control, as well as the modification of some of the Special Prizes.

**ANNEX I**

# REGISTRATION REQUEST

WINERY NAME

REGISTRATION DATE

WINEMAKER

N° ID. FISCAL – CIF - VAT

CONTACT PERSON

TELEPHONE NUMBER

MAILING ADDRESS

MOBILE PHONE

TOWN

POSTAL CODE

E-MAIL

REGISTERED SAMPLES

N° SAMPLE

NAME OF WINE / BRAND

COMPOSITION (%) AND VARIETY - VARIETIES

ANNUAL PRODUCTION (number of bottles)

INDICATION OF ORIGIN

NEW BRAND

Si  No

PRODUCTION YEAR

CATEGORY TO WHICH IT IS APPLIED\*See section 5

REGISTERED SAMPLES

N° SAMPLE

NAME OF WINE / BRAND

COMPOSITION (%) AND VARIETY - VARIETIES

ANNUAL PRODUCTION (number of bottles)

INDICATION OF ORIGIN

NEW BRAND

Si  No

PRODUCTION YEAR

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N° SAMPLE

NAME OF WINE / BRAND

COMPOSITION (%) AND VARIETY - VARIETIES

ANNUAL PRODUCTION (number of bottles)

INDICATION OF ORIGIN

NEW BRAND

Si  No

PRODUCTION YEAR

CATEGORY TO WHICH IT IS APPLIED\*See section 5

#### **STATEMENT:**

The contestant declares that all the information included in this Registration application is true, and acknowledges and accepts the verdict issued by the aforementioned Juries.

#### **REGISTRATION FEES:**

The registration fees for the wines participating in the International Volcanic Wine Awards will be as follows:

Registration of 1 sample: €95 VAT INCLUDED

Registration of 2 samples: €150 VAT INCLUDED

Registration of 3 samples: €200 VAT INCLUDED

Registration of successive samples: €40 VAT INCLUDED

Registration prices do not include transportation costs for sending samples (shipping, customs and taxes paid by the sender).

#### **RIGHTS PAYMENT:**

Payment of registration fees will be made by bank transfer addressed to:

**EVENTS CONNECTION**

Concept: International Volcanic Wine Awards and the name of the participating company.

Bank data: ES11- 3081 - 0601 - 01 – 2577995828 Caja Rural Castilla La Mancha

- SWIFT: ERSVES22XXX

Registration fees will not be refunded for wines that do not reach their destination regardless of the cause (loss or breakage, etc.) or for those received outside the established deadline.

#### **SHIPPING OF WINES:**

For each wine entered, the contestant must send 3 bottles of 0.75 liters to the following address of the organization, which has the appropriate facilities for the correct conservation of the samples.

**EVENTS CONNECTION**

**International Volcanic Wine Awards**

**Camino de los Almegares, s/n**

**13005 Ciudad Real**

**CIUDAD REAL**

**SPAIN**

The wines will be sent with transportation, taxes, customs and home delivery costs duly paid.

#### **DOCUMENTATION OF THE WINES:**

The wines must be accompanied in the same packaging, with the following documentation:

- Copy of registration
- Pro forma invoice indicating: Samples without commercial value Special Tax OR according to EEC Regulation No. 2913/92 of 10/12/92.
- Copy of proof of payment.

The competing wines must meet the requirements of current legislation.

ANNEX II

