



MONDIAL DES VINS EXTREMES - 2016

Aosta Valley (I) - 14th-16th July 2016

REGULATIONS

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The “Mondial des Vins Extrêmes” is the new name that the organising committee has decided to give to the International Mountain Wines Competition which for the last 23 years has selected and promoted wines produced in extreme viticulture areas, with the aim of furthering and safeguarding the produce of small vine-growing areas distinguished by their own history, traditions and uniqueness. The name was chosen to more aptly reflect the concept of the origin and distinctive traits of the wines selected in the competition. The procedure and way of selecting and promoting wines remain unchanged.

ARTICLE 1 - AIM

The CERVIM (*Research and Coordinating Centre for the Protection, Promotion and Enhancement of Mountain Viticulture*), in collaboration with the Aosta Valley Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Vival Vda (Association of Aosta Valley Vine-growers) and the Italian Association of Sommeliers - Aosta Valley, is the organizer of the Mondial des Vins Extrêmes - 2016.

This competition, which is open to wines produced in vineyards on mountainous or steeply sloping or terraced areas or small islands, is a reference point for vine growers and wine producers in these areas.

ARTICLE 2 - ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Event Committee, chaired by the President of the CERVIM, is made up of six members:

- the President of the CERVIM;
- a delegate of the Aosta Valley Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources;
- a delegate of the International Organization of Vine and Wine (OIV);
- the President of Vival Vda;
- a delegate of the Italian Association of Sommeliers - Aosta Valley;
- a delegate of the Italian Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies;

The Event Committee has the task of supervising the organisation of the Extreme Wine World Cup and any decisions it takes are final.

ARTICLE 3 - WINES ALLOWED

The Mondial des Vins Extrêmes - 2016 - is open to all wines produced using grapes from vineyards that have one of permanent structural difficulties, such as:

- altitudes over 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 name or company name, also shown on the label of the wines. *Wine producers* are those who transform grapes or grape must into wine, or make special wines or process wine to bring out the set of characteristics required for a particular appellation of origin, or refine or age wine.

Only wines from batches consisting of a minimum of 500 bottles, with bottle capacity as indicated in Section 5d), can be entered into the **Mondial des Vins Extrêmes - 2016**.

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 are also excluded.

The competition includes no 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 - 2016 - are those labelled with the **PDO Protected Denomination of Origin**, or with the **PGI Protected Geographical Indication** for wine from the European Community and with **Geographical Indication** for wine 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 Regulation No. 1308/2013, Annex 7, Part II, No. 5).

Wines from non-EU countries must respect OIV (Organisation Internationale de la Vigne et du Vin) labelling standards.

Entries are divided into 8 categories:

- 1 - Still white wines (containing up to 6 g/l of sugar residue);
- 2 - Still semi-sweet white wines (containing between 6.1 and 45 g/l of sugar residue);
- 3 - Still red wines from 2014 and 2015;
- 4 - Still red wines from 2013 or earlier;
- 5 - Still rosé wines;
- 6 - Sparkling wines;
- 7 - Sweet wines (with more than 45.1 g/l of sugar residue);
- 8 - Fortified wines.

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

All wines described in Article 3 as subject to exclusion and all wines which do not fit into any of the above categories are not eligible for entry into the competition.

In addition, all the wines already entered into previous editions of the Competition are excluded.

Samples that do not fall in any of the above categories will be excluded from the competition. The winery will not be entitled to reimbursement of the entry fee nor will the wine samples, which have been sent and are not admitted, be returned.

ARTICLE 5 - ENTRY RULES

For each wine entered, the wine producer must send the following items by courier and/or post to the address below:

MONDIAL DES VINS EXTREMES - c/o Caves des Onze Communes - Loc. Urbains, 3 - 11010 Aymavilles (AO) - ITALY, so as to arrive no later than 1st July 2016:

a) **The original Entry Form**, which must be completed on the CERVIM's web site www.cervim.org and then printed and signed.

If you are unable to complete the enrolment procedure online, please contact the Secretariat directly at +39.0165.902451;

b) **Front and back labels** preferably in electronic format (to be used for printing), or if not available, 3 paper labels identical to those on the wine entered into the competition, as well as **data sheets describing each wine**;

c) **A copy of the documentation showing payment of the 65 Euro fee for each of the first two wines entered, 60 Euro fee for additional entries up to the fifth one and thereafter 55 Euro fee for each further entry**, as reimbursement of all organisational expenses, payable by bank transfer to: Unicredit Banca - Agenzia di Aosta, IBAN IT/28/U/02008/01201/000060043906 - BIC: UNCRITM1GF7, to the order of CERVIM;

The bank transfer should clearly indicate **the name of the wine producer** making the transfer and specify that the payment is for "Mondial des Vins Extrêmes - 2016" (**bank fees are to be paid entirely by the sender**). Wines for which no entry fee has been paid will be disqualified;

d) **Six (6) bottles of wine from the same lot**, containing 750 ml or, for sweet or fortified wines only, 9 bottles containing 500 ml or 12 bottles containing 375 ml. **The bottles must be fully labelled and packaged** in a single carton on which it should be clearly indicated that the contents are a "CAMPIONE NON COMMERCIALE" (non marketable sample) being shipped to the "MONDIAL DES VINS EXTRÊMES", c/o Cave des Onze Communes - Loc. Urbains, 3 - 11010 Aymavilles (AO) - Italy;

e) **A sampling record**, automatically generated during the online enrolment procedure, which must be filled in and signed by the public official in charge of sampling at the winery or by the winery owner as self-certification. The winery agrees to allow all staff in charge of taking samples access to the premises;

f) **A certificate of analysis**, issued by the winery's laboratory or other body, showing at least 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 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 should send a personal data consent form (already pre-completed during the online enrolment procedure), as per Italian Legislative Decree no.196/2003, duly stamped and signed by the company'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.**

The officially authorised body carries out appropriate checks as per DM 16.12.2010. If these checks should show discrepancies between the data declared and those ascertained, the lot of wine involved will automatically be disqualified from the competition and the competent authorities informed of any irregularities.

ARTICLE 6 - SHIPPING WINES

The event organisers do not accept any responsibility for delays or late arrivals of samples, for damage or total/partial loss during transport, for chemical/physical or organoleptic changes to the wine as a result of temperature variations, or for breakage or any other problems that may occur during shipment.

Costs for shipping, customs clearance and transport to destination are fully paid for by participants.

These expenses must be paid directly to the shipping company.

Any wines that do not comply with these instructions will not be accepted. Those samples which do not meet the requirements will not be collected and therefore will be automatically excluded from the competition.

This will not entitle the wine producer to recover any entry fees paid, which means that all shipping charges are the sole responsibility of the wine producer who ships all contents at his/her own risk. Any sample arriving without proper paperwork and 'postage due' will be rejected and not returned to the sender.

ARTICLE 7 - STORAGE AND ANONYMITY

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

Before the actual wine judging, the Event Committee will guarantee the anonymity of each sample by assigning two codes to each sample:

- The first code will be assigned by the Event Committee 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 person appointed to supervise the various administrative tasks carried out during the competition may be assisted by trustworthy staff. He guarantees that all operational and 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 several judging committees, each one consisting of:

- 3 wine tasters, holding a qualification as wine technicians or oenologists or any other equivalent qualification obtained outside of Italy, possibly representing an associate region of the CERVIM;
- 2 expert wine tasters.

In accordance with DM 16.12.2010, the committees will have a majority of foreign members, still respecting the number of 3 wine tasters as stated above.

Judging will be done according to the assessment form developed by the U.I.O.E - "Union International des Oenologues" (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 president of the organising committee, excluding anyone who has directly or indirectly contributed to the organisation of the competition. The judges' 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, the CERVIM will provide wine producers with a copy of the jury's evaluation of their wine(s), until 31st December 2016.

ARTICLE 9 - SCORES AND MEDALS

Each wine entered in the competition will be evaluated by a committee.

Selected wines will be awarded respectively:

- *a silver medal from 85 to 89.99 points*
- *a gold medal from 90 to 93.99 points*
- *a grand gold medal from 94 to 100 points.*

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

According to their score, winning wines will be awarded a medal and 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.

ARTICLE 10 - SPECIAL PRIZES AND DIPLOMAS

The **2016 "CERVIM Special Prize"** will be awarded to the winery of each country 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 **2016 "CERVIM Grand Prix"** will be awarded to the wine that obtains the best overall score.

The **2016 CERVIM Excellence Prize** will be awarded to the best wine of each participating country with at least 8 wineries enrolled.

In the event that the "special prize" coincides with the "Grand Prix Cervim 2015", the prize will be awarded to the next ranked wine.

The **2016 CERVIM BIO Prize** will be awarded to the top-scoring **organic or biodynamic wine** entered in any of the categories. This prize will be awarded only if at least 5 wineries take part with their wines.

The **"CERVIM Small Islands Prize"** will be awarded to the top-scoring **wine produced on small islands**. Again, this prize will be awarded only if at least 5 wineries enter wines.

The **2016 "CERVIM Future Prize"** will be awarded to the winery whose owner or business partner is 35 years old or younger and whose wine obtains the best score.

The **2016 "CERVIM Women's Prize"** will be awarded to the winery whose owner or business partner is a women and whose wine obtains the best score.

A New Prize will also be awarded to the wine-growing area that enters the highest number of wines in the competition.

The winning wineries and wines will be awarded with a diploma and a ceramic plate framed by a wooden base.

ARTICLE 11 - AWARD CEREMONY

The prize-winners will be announced at a special ceremony organised by the CERVIM, in **Milan (Italy) on 12nd of November 2016**, 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 at events, fairs, press conferences and institutional ceremonies where also the winning wines are presented.

Wine producers receiving one of the awards, as specified in Articles 9 and 10, and wishing to mention this during their business activity, should follow the general rules in force in each country, in compliance with the guidelines issued by the International Organization of Vine and Wine (OIV).

Medal-winning wineries shall be entitled to use a sticker, depicting the medals won, to apply to bottles only of the lot to which the winning wine belongs.

Any prize which is not claimed during the award ceremony will be sent to the wine producer by the CERVIM, which, however, declines any responsibility for non-delivery or loss of any awards.

ARTICLE 12 - LEGAL

The Event Committee reserves the right to change these 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.