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Portugal celebrates as it produces highest scoring wine of  
International Wine Challenge 2019

Justino's Madeira Terrantez 1978 was awarded 98 out of a possible 100 points in the [International Wine Challenge](#) (IWC). A rigorous competition which is judged by 400 wine experts from 38 countries. Along with its Gold medal, Justino's Madeira was also awarded the Madeira Trophy.

Portugal cemented its place as the finest producer of fortified wine by securing 38 Gold medals in the category, 31 of which were from Porto. Behind them in the Fortified Wine category was Spain with 27 Gold medals, Australia with 9 Gold medals and Italy with 2.

The top Port producers were Sogevinus Fine Wines with five Golds, Sogrape Vinhos and Bulas Family Estates with three Golds each.

**Top scoring Ports included:**

- Agri-Roncão Vinícola's DR Very Old White Port NV (96/100) (winner of the White Port Trophy)
- Bulas Family Estates' Bulas Very Old Tawny NV (96/100) (winner of the Very Old Tawny Trophy)
- Bulas Family Estates' Bulas Porto Colheita 1996 (96/100) (winner of Colheita Trophy)
- Bulas Family Estates' Bulas Porto Vintage 2016 (96/100)
- Quinta do Portal's Portal Vintage 2016 (96/100)
- Quinta do Portal's Quinta dos Muros Vintage 2016 (97/100) (winner of the Vintage Port Trophy and Port Trophy)
- Sogevinus Fine Wines' Porto Kopke Colheita 1979 (96/100)
- Sogevinus Fine Wines' Porto Kopke Colheita 2003 (96/100)
- Sogrape Vinhos Sandeman Porto Tawny 40 Years Old NV (96/100)
- Symington Family Estates' The Society's Exhibition Vintage Port 1985 (96/100)

Charles Metcalfe, Co-Chair of the IWC, commented:

"Port is wonderful, whether as a heartening winter drink or a cool, subtle aged tawny in the summer. And this year's International Wine Challenge results show that port is as good as ever - if not better! We had a stunning line-up of top medals for ports, and for the great island wines of Madeira, too."

**More than fortified wines**

Eight wineries across Portugal were awarded Gold medals for their still wine:

- Torre Da Palma
- Sociedade Agricola D. Diniz
- Luis Duarte Vinhos
- Domingo Alves de Sousa
- Sogrape Vinhos
- Agri-Roncão Vinícola
- Parras Wines
- Valados de Melgaço

The top red wine – and winner of the Portuguese Red Trophy – was Sogrape Vinhos' Casa Ferreirinha Papa Figos Red 2017, a blend of Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca and Touriga Franca. Portugal's top white wine was Valados de Melgaço Alvarinho Reserva 2017, winner of the Vinho Verde Trophy.

105 Silver medals and 235 Bronze medals were also awarded for still Portuguese wines.

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#### The International Wine Challenge

In its 36<sup>th</sup> year, the [International Wine Challenge](#) (IWC) is accepted as the world's finest and most meticulously judged competition. The IWC assesses every wine 'blind' and judges each for its faithfulness to style, region and vintage. Each medal-winning wine is tasted on at least three separate occasions by a minimum of 12 different judges including Masters of Wine. Awards include medals (Gold, Silver, Bronze) and Commended awards. The IWC is committed to helping consumers discover great wine, and the medals displayed on winning bottles offer a trusted guarantee of quality.

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