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Chile crowned South American champion in the latest International Wine Challenge

Chilean wine brings home 150 medals

Chile ranked top wine country in South America and 8th globally in the first tranche of the International Wine Challenge 2020. Chilean wines picked up 150 medals overall - 4 Gold, 35 Silver, 63 Bronze and 48 commendations – in the world's most rigorously judged wine competition.

"It's thrilling to see Chile getting the recognition it so deserves. Overall, we were really impressed by the quality of the wines. The particular geography of the country, with the long coast and a really cold ocean means that Chile now produces brilliant cool-climate wines as well as the great reds from warmer parts of the country" commented Co-Chair Charles Metcalfe.

Last year Chile received two Golds at this stage of the competition. This significant growth in terms of medals shows the continual effort being made by the Chilean wine community to push the already impressive level of wines produced in the country.

This year's Gold medals for Chile each came from a different Chilean region: Aconcagua, Coquimbo, Rapel Valley and Bio Bio Valley in the South. From the wines which won medals, reds were more popular, winning 107 of the 150 medals and three of the four golds. Of these, Cabernet Sauvignon was the most popular varietal. Global powerhouse Concha y Toro performed particularly well, winning three of the four Golds.

Chile's Gold winners were:

- Viñedos Emiliana, Novas Gran Reserva Chardonnay 2018
- Concha y Toro, Marques De Casa Concha Pinot Noir 2018
- Concha y Toro, Marques de Casa Concha Carmenere 2018
- Concha y Toro, Marques de Casa Concha Pinot Noir Limited Edition 2018

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The International Wine Challenge

In its 37th year, the International Wine Challenge is accepted as the world's most rigorous, impartial and influential wine competition. The International Wine Challenge 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 International Wine Challenge is committed to helping consumers discover great wine, and the medals displayed on winning bottles offer a trusted guarantee of quality. The International Wine Challenge is committed to helping consumers discover great wine, and the medals displayed on winning bottles and in winning shops offer a trusted guarantee of quality.

Look out for the International Wine Challenge stickers on wine bottles in stores. Each sticker vouches that the wine has been tasted by over 200 expert judges and is a guarantee that the wine in the bottle is a great example of its type.



The first part of the 2020 International Wine Challenge – Tranche 1 – saw over 200 of the world's top wine experts from 23 countries judging the wines over four days in London. Tranche 2 judging will take place from April 14-23, 2020, with the results announced on May 15. Full results of Tranche 1 2020 here and a list of Chile's results [here](#).

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