

# INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE

## 2025



**ENTRY INFORMATION**

**RIGOROUS  
IMPARTIAL  
INFLUENTIAL**

[internationalwinechallenge.com](https://internationalwinechallenge.com)



# WINE ENTRY TIMELINE

**Entry closes:**

25 March 2025

**Consolidated shipping  
sample deadline:**

28 February 2025

**Private shipping  
sample deadline:**

25 March 2025

**Judging:** 22 April to 5 May

**IWC medal results:**

20 May 2025

**IWC trophy results:**

27 May 2025

**IWC Awards:**

10 July 2025

## ENTRY FEE

**IWC 2025****entry fee:**

£167+VAT per wine  
(no hidden fees)

**Looking for a  
UK importer?**

Enter the Discovery  
Tasting: £90+VAT  
per wine entry  
(inclusive of extra  
duty fees)



# HOW TO ENTER YOUR WINES

- 1 Login or create an account at;  
**<https://www.internationalwinechallenge.com/>**
- 2 To check if your company has an existing account, please email  
**[info@iwcevents.com](mailto:info@iwcevents.com)**
- 3 Fill out the wine entry form in your account (see checklist of mandatory data required for each wine below).
- 4 Submit your wine entries by paying via credit card or by requesting an invoice at checkout.
- 5 Box your samples (4 bottles for each wine entry).
- 6 Print the IWC barcode delivery label and airway bill (emailed with your entry confirmation) and write on delivery label number of bottles of wine in each box, then attach label and airway bill to box.
- 7 Send your samples to us either by private courier, consolidated shipping or via your UK importer.
- 8 We will share your results in your IWC account and on the IWC website on 20 May 2025.

**For any enquiries or assistance regarding the IWC entry process please contact [info@iwcevents.com](mailto:info@iwcevents.com)**





# IWC 2025 ENTRY NOTES

## RIGOROUS IMPARTIAL INFLUENTIAL #IWC2025

Checklist of mandatory wine detail required to complete your entry online via your IWC account.

<https://www.internationalwinechallenge.com>

Producer name  
Wine name  
Vintage  
Bottle size  
Closure type  
Country/Region  
Wine colour (Red/White/Rosé/Orange)  
Wine style  
(Still/Sparkling/Fortified/Botrytis/Sweet)  
Residual sugar level (g/L)  
Oaked/Lightly Oaked/Unoaked  
Alcohol level %  
Classification  
Conventional/Biodynamic/Sustainable/  
Vegetarian/Organic/Vegan/Fairtrade/  
Kosher)  
Grape 1 %  
Grape 2 %  
Grape 3 %  
Number of bottles produced  
Available in UK?  
UK importer name  
Discovery Tasting yes/no  
(supplementary fee applies)



## Explanatory Notes:

Please read this information when completing the entry form.

### 1. Entry judging and results

Wine entries are judged in April. IWC Medal and Trophy results are released in May, with Champion awards released in July each year. For full details and deadlines please visit: [www.internationalwinechallenge.com](http://www.internationalwinechallenge.com)

### 2. Discovery Tasting

The Discovery Tasting provides a unique platform for IWC medal-winning wine portfolios seeking representation in the UK. Only wines which do not yet have an importer are eligible. The supplementary discovery tasting fee is £90+VAT per entry. Six samples are required for IWC entries including Discovery Tasting.

### 3. Wine Producer Details

The producer's contact details are essential, they validate the wine entered and are used for notification of results to the entrant and the media.

### 4. Wine Details

Please answer precisely. This ensures that your wine is in the correct tasting group. Correct grouping is essential for the fair and consistent judging and any incomplete or incorrect information may penalise your wine.

**Wine Name:** Any variation between the label and the entry form invites confusion for us, and may mean that your certificates are printed with the wrong wine name. Please do not include vintage even if it is on your label.

**Vintage:** This ensures that wines are grouped correctly, fairly and consistently for tasting.

**Bottle Size:** This informs consumers of the quantity of wine obtained for the quoted price.

**Closure:** This helps us with the event fault correlation and also identification.

**Glass Colour:** This is related to environmental information and assists with fault correlation.

**Barcode Number:** If the wine has a barcode it will assist us in setting up the tasting. Occasionally we cannot identify the wine just from the label. A barcode helps the IWC team in identifying the correct wine and ensures it is entered into the correct category for judging.

**Official Quality Status:** If your wine has an Official Quality Status, it ensures that wines are grouped correctly, fairly and consistently for tasting.

**Country:** The country, region and sub-region details enable us to group wines correctly, fairly and consistently for tasting.

**Wine Colour:** This is essential information for grouping wines and vital for consumers.

**Wine Style:** This is essential information for grouping wines and vital for consumers.

**Residual Sugar Level:** This ensures that wines are grouped correctly, fairly and consistently for tasting.

**Oaked:** This ensures that wines are grouped correctly, fairly and consistently for tasting.

**Alcohol Level:** Wine Duty levels are calculated using this information.

**Classifications:** This information allows consumers to search for wine of a particular regime. Vegetarian refers to wines produced without the use of additives that required animals to be killed. The use of eggs and dairy processing aids is acceptable for a vegetarian wine. Vegan refers to wines made using no animal derived ingredients. A Fair Trade wine must have Fair Trade certification.

### 5. Grapes

Please only state the principal three (3) grapes and percentages. For example Merlot 60%, Cabernet Sauvignon 30%, Cabernet Franc 10%.

All wines submitted must be made solely from the partial or complete alcoholic fermentation of grapes or grape must.

### 6. Production and Retail

The producer's contact details are essential, they validate the wine entered and are used for notification of results to the entrant and the media. **UK Importer:** This is essential for us to locate the UK stockists of your wines for publicity purposes so customers can find your wines in the shops.

**Number of bottles produced:** Total Production for vintage or year.

**FOB Price Per Bottle (if NOT available in the UK):** Duty levels are calculated using this figure). This information is also required for wines entered into the Discovery Tasting.

**Is this the first year of production for this wine, cuvee or vineyard:** This information may make your wine eligible for the 'Best Wine in First Year of Production' Trophy.

**Available in the UK:**

This information is very important for publicity purposes.

**UK Retail Price per bottle/number of bottles available to UK market:** This information dictates the wine's eligibility for a 'Great Value Wine of the Year' award and is used in communication surrounding the Great Value category awards.

[Rules of entry >](#)

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