

# THE AWARDS

Winning a medal at the International Wine Challenge is a significant achievement and an excellent benchmark of your wine against the rest of the world. These pages offer a detailed explanation of the medals awarded by the IWC and the award qualification process.



## Medal

The IWC 2018 has two medal release dates, the first on 30 November 2017 for Tranche 1 wines and the second on 10 May 2018 for Tranche 2 wines.

At this stage in the competition, wines will either receive a gold, silver or bronze medal or be given a commended award and awarded points. Wines that do not receive a medal or award are deemed 'out'.

Gold, silver and bronze medal-winning wines have received the highest praise from our judges.

Commended awards are for wines that have missed out on winning a medal but are considered noteworthy by the IWC judges.

Gold medal-winning wines from Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 of the competition will be judged together to select the IWC 2018 trophy winners and also the IWC awards regional, varietal, international varietal and national trophies.



## Great Value Awards

IWC Great Value Awards are given to wines that win a gold or silver medal and meet specific volume, availability and pricing criteria.

The IWC will announce the Great Value Trophy winners on 17 May 2018 with the Great Value Champions in the categories of red, white, rosé, sparkling, fortified and sweet announced at the Awards Dinner in July.

To be considered for this award producers must accurately complete section 6 (Production and Retail) of the online entry form.



## Champion Trophy Awards

All IWC national trophy winners are tasted against each other to find the Champion Trophy winners in the categories of red, white, rosé, sparkling, fortified and sweet.

The winners of these prestigious awards are considered the pinnacle of the International Wine Challenge awards.

A wine of the same label and vintage will not be allowed to win any Champion Trophy status twice in a five-year period. The wine's journey will stop at gold medal level and it will not be considered in any of the existing Champion Trophy categories.

However, former Champion Trophy winners will be entered into a new category to compete for the Champion of Champions Trophy.



## Winemaker of the Year Awards

The IWC collates data from the results of the competition, analyses and scores it to determine the winners of the Winemaker of the Year awards.

Producers are awarded points for each wine entered into the competition that have won a trophy, gold, silver, bronze medal or commended award. Points are deducted for wine submitted into the competition that did not win an award. The results are then weighted based on the volume of entry and finally given an average score per wine.

Only wines submitted within five years of the most recent vintage will be included in a producer's score for a Winemaker of the Year Award. Bonus points will be awarded for wines that are in the most recent vintage.



## Planet Earth Awards

These accolades are won by wines that have been awarded a trophy or gold medal in the competition and are certified as sustainable, organic, biodynamic or Fairtrade.

Entrants must complete the certification question in section 4 of the entry form and be able to produce official certification upon request by the IWC.



## Special Awards

These awards aim to recognise excellence in the global wine trade.

The Len Evans Trophy is awarded to companies which have consistently excelled in the IWC over the past five years.

The James Rogers Trophy is given to the best new wine entered into the competition in its first year of production. To be in with a chance of winning the James Rogers Trophy it is important that producers complete section 6 of the entry form.

The IWC Personality of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards also fall into this category. These awards are bestowed on those people within the trade that have shown dedication and commitment beyond the norm, and have made a real difference to the global wine industry.

For further details regarding the International Wine Challenge awards visit [www.internationalwinechallenge.com](http://www.internationalwinechallenge.com)