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### 30 Best Wines in the World as judged at the International Wine Challenge 2020

The International Wine Challenge, the world's most influential and rigorously judged wine competition, has announced its 30 best wines from around the world.

Winners from fourteen countries were named the top wines having proven themselves to be the absolute finest in their categories following an intensive blind-tasting. Six of these outstanding wines have been named Champion winners by the International Wine Challenge Co-Chairs, a group of six of the very best wine tasters in the world.

A Chardonnay from Australia, **Tolpuddle Vineyard Chardonnay 2018**, has beaten wines from over 50 countries to be awarded the Champion White Trophy in this year's competition. Australia was one of the highest performing countries, with four wines included in the 30 best list.



*Adam Wadewitz, senior winemaker at Australia's Tolpuddle Vineyard*

For the first time in the history of the International Wine Challenge, a Georgian producer, **Tbilvino**, was awarded the 2020 **Champion Red Wine** for its wine made from the indigenous grape variety Saperavi.

New Zealand has also cemented its reputation as a world-class red wine producing country with a Pinot Noir and a Syrah making it into the list. **Coal Pit Tiwha Pinot Noir 2018** from Central Otago was awarded both the New Zealand Red Trophy and Sustainable Trophy, whilst **Church Road 1 Syrah 2017** beat Syrah from all over the world to be named International Syrah Trophy winner. Church Road made the best 30 list twice with **Church Road Grand Reserve Chardonnay** from Hawke's Bay taking home the New Zealand White Trophy.

South Africa's entries in the best 30 highlights the diversity of white wines currently being produced in the country with the **Elgin Chardonnay 2018** from **Boschendal Wines** scooping the South African White Trophy. **Groot Constantia Wine Estate's Sauvignon Blanc 2019** won the International Sauvignon Blanc Trophy, the first time in ten years that the award hasn't been won by either the Loire or New Zealand.

Co-chair Helen McGinn commented: *'What sets the International Wine Challenge apart from any other global wine competition is the overtly democratic way in which the wines are judged. We pride ourselves in having*

*expert judges from all areas of the industry who taste the wines, giving each wine the very best chance to be judged as fairly as possible.'*

### 30 Best Wines in the World as judged by the International Wine Challenge 2020:

Portugal	Justino's Madeira Terrantez 1978, Justino's Madeira	Champion of Champions
Australia	Tolpuddle Vineyard Chardonnay 2018, Tolpuddle Vineyard	Champion White
France	Taittinger Comtes de Champagne Blanc des Blancs Brut 2008, Champagne Taittinger	Champion Sparkling
Georgia	Saperavi 2018, Tbilvino	Champion Red
Hungary	Royal Tokaji 6 Puttonyos Aszú 2016, Royal Tokaji Borászati	Champion Sweet
Portugal	Bulas Vintage Port 2017, Bulas Family Estates	Champion Fortified
Argentina	Apelación de Origen Paraje Altamira 2018, Terrazas de los Andes	Argentinian Red Trophy
Australia	Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, St Hugo	Australian Red Trophy
Australia	Morris Old Rare Liqueur Premium Topaque, Morris Wines	Australian Fortified Trophy
Australia	Lake Cooper Well Rhapsody Shiraz 2019, Lake Cooper Estate	Australian Shiraz Trophy
Austria	Ried Gottschelle 1ÖTW Erste Lage Kremstal Reserve Grüner Veltliner 2018, Petra Unger	Austrian White Trophy
Austria	Riesling Ried Zöbinger Heiligenstein 1ötw Kamptal 2019, Weingut Birgit Eichinger	International Riesling Trophy
China	Syrah 2017, Ningxia Helanshan Manor Wine China	Chinese Red Trophy
England	Classic Cuvée 2010, Nyetimber	English Sparkling Trophy
France	Clos de la Roche Grand Cru 2017, Edouard Delaunay	French Red Trophy, International Pinot Noir Trophy
France	Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos 2017, La Chablisienne	French White Trophy
Germany	Kirchenstück Hochheim Riesling Trocken GG 2019, Domdechant Werner'sches Weingut	German White Trophy
Italy	Balciana 2017, Sartarelli	Italian White Trophy
Italy	Vin Santo del Chianti Riserva Colmano 2000, Azienda Agricola Colmano di Piero Masi	Italian Sweet Trophy
Italy	Carminium 2016, Inama Azienda Agricola	Italian Red Trophy
New Zealand	Coal Pit Tiwha Pinot Noir 2018, Coal Pit Wine	New Zealand Red Trophy, Sustainable Trophy
New Zealand	Church Road Grand Reserve Chardonnay 2018, Church Road	New Zealand White Trophy
New Zealand	Church Road 1 Syrah 2017, Church Road	International Syrah Trophy
Portugal	Fonte do Ouro Encruzado 2019, Sociedade Agrícola Boas Quintas	Portuguese White Trophy
Portugal	Tyto Alba 2016, Companhia das Lezírias	Portuguese Red Trophy
South Africa	Boschendal Elgin Chardonnay 2018, Boschendal Wines	South African White Trophy
South Africa	Groot Constantia Sauvignon Blanc 2019, Groot Constantia Wine Estate	International Sauvignon Blanc Trophy
Spain	Legaris Moradillo de Roa 2016, Raventós Codorníu	Spanish Red Trophy
Spain	Granbazan Limousin 2017, Agro de Bazán	Spanish White Trophy

The full list of award winners in the 2020 International Wine Challenge released on 26<sup>th</sup> November can be seen [here](#).

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

**The International Wine Challenge**

In its 37<sup>th</sup> 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. Awards include medals (Gold, Silver, Bronze) and Commended awards. Trophies are awarded to the very best wines in each category. 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.

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