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40 Best Wines in the World as judged at the International Wine Challenge 2022



*Trinity Hill's 125 Gimblett Vineyard, Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay New Zealand
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The [International Wine Challenge](#), the world's most influential, impartial and rigorously judged wine competition, has announced the 40 highest scoring wines in its 2022 competition.

Following a series of rigorous blind tastings, winners from sixteen countries were named the best wines in the world, as judged by a panel of leading global wine experts. Of these 40 exceptional wines, five were awarded the ultimate accolade of Champion, a title reserved for wines that are deemed the absolute best-in-class in the categories of red, white, sparkling, sweet and fortified.

NEW ZEALAND WINS CHAMPION WHITE TROPHY

For only the second time, the **Champion White Trophy** went to a New Zealand producer, **Trinity Hill Wines**, for its **Gimblett Gravels Chardonnay 2020**. The judges were impressed by its "expressive yet nuanced nose" while its environmental credentials were recognised with the **IWC Sustainable Trophy**. New Zealand was one of the top performing countries in this year's challenge, with a total of five wines in the top 40. **Giesen Group** had two wines in the top 40 with **Single Vineyard Clayvin Syrah 2019** receiving the **IWC Organic Trophy** and **The Brothers Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc 2017** claiming the **New Zealand Sweet Trophy**. Fellow Marlborough producer, **Yealands Estate Wines**, beat wines across the globe to secure the **International Sauvignon Blanc Trophy** for its **Single Block S1 Sauvignon Blanc 2021**.

AUSTRALIA WINS INTERNATIONAL GRENACHE TROPHY FOR FIRST TIME EVER

Australia came second for Gold Medals in this year's competition and had an impressive four wines in the top 40 list. For the first time ever, an Australian producer, **Pinnacle Drinks**, won the **International Grenache Trophy** for its **The Ethereal One Fleurieu Grenache 2020**, which the judges described as "soft and juicy yet elegant." Tasmania cemented its reputation as one of the country's leading wine producing regions with **House of Arras** winning the **Australian Sparkling Trophy** for its **EJ Carr Late Disgorged 2006** and the **Australian White Trophy** going to **Tolpuddle Vineyard** for its **Chardonnay 2020**.

SOUTH AFRICA RECLAIMS FAIRTRADE AWARD



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South Africa reclaimed the **IWC Fairtrade Award** for the first time since 2018 with the **Spar Reserve Chenin Blanc Fairtrade 2021** from Breede River Valley producer **Uniwines**. South African winemakers saw wide success in this year's awards with the **Whitehall Chardonnay 2020** from **Neil Ellis Wines** winning the **South African White Trophy** and **Bouchard Finlayson** scooping the **South African Red Trophy** for its **Tete de Cuvee Pinot Noir 2020**.

Co-Chair Peter McCombie MW commented: 'The International Wine Challenge judging panel includes experts from all over the world and each trophy winning wine is tasted by at least three panels, meaning that each wine is judged as fairly as possible and entirely on its own merits. This year's top 40 features many familiar names but it is great to see wines from lesser-known regions standing up on the global stage too.'

The **40 Best Wines in the World as judged by the International Wine Challenge 2022** are included below:

France	Rare Champagne Millésime 2008	IWC Champion Sparkling Wine 2022 - Daniel Thibault Trophy , Champagne Trophy, Vintage Classic Blend Champagne Trophy
France	Maison Delas Frères Les Bessards 2019	IWC Champion Red Wine 2022 , International Syrah Trophy, French Red Trophy, Hermitage Trophy, Rhone Red Trophy
New Zealand	Trinity Hill Wines Gimblett Gravels Chardonnay 2020	IWC Champion White Wine 2022 , IWC Sustainable Trophy 2022, International Chardonnay Trophy, New Zealand White Trophy, Hawkes Bay Chardonnay Trophy
Italy	Tenuta Di Capezzana Vinsanto di Carmignano Capezzana Riserva 2014	IWC Champion Sweet Wine 2022 - Alois Kracher Trophy , Italian Sweet Trophy
Spain	Bodegas Tradicion Oloroso Tradicion VORS	IWC Champion Fortified Wine 2022 - Manuel Lozano Trophy , Sherry Trophy, Oloroso Trophy
Argentina	Trivento Golden Reserve Malbec 2020	Argentinian Red Trophy
Australia	The Ethereal One Fleurieu Grenache 2020	International Grenache Trophy , Australian Red Trophy, South Australian Grenache Trophy
Australia	Galway Pipe Rare Tawny 25 Years	Australian Fortified Trophy
Australia	House of Arras EJ Carr Late Disgorged 2006	Australian Sparkling Trophy
Australia	Tolpuddle Vineyard Chardonnay 2020	Australian White Trophy , Australian Chardonnay Trophy, Tasmanian Chardonnay Trophy
Austria	FJ Gritsch Riesling Ried Kalkofen Smaragd 2020	Austrian White Trophy
Austria	Hans Tschida Angerhof Sämpling 88 Beerenauslese 2010	Austrian Sweet Trophy , Austrian Sämpling 88 Trophy
Canada	Flat Rock Cellars Riesling 2019	Canadian White Trophy
Canada	Reif Estate Grand Reserve Vidal Icewine 2019	Canadian Ice Wine Trophy
Chile	1865 Selected Vineyards Carmenere 2020	Chilean Red Trophy , Carmenere Trophy



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England	Highweald Brut Reserve NV	Best Wine in First Year of Production, English Sparkling Trophy, Non Vintage English Sparkling Trophy
England	Artelium Artefact #2 Barrel Aged Chardonnay 2020	English White Trophy
France	Maison Albert Bichot Clos de la Roche Grand Cru Cuvée Cyrot Chaudron Hospices de Beaune 2020	International Pinot Noir Trophy, Clos de la Roche Trophy, Red Burgundy Trophy
France	Maison Albert Bichot Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes Cuvée Albert Grivault Hospices de Beaune 2020	French White Trophy, White Burgundy Trophy, Meursault Trophy
Georgia	Teliani Valley JSC Glekhuri Khikhvi Qvevri 2019	Georgian White Trophy, Khikhvi Trophy
Germany	Weingut Hans Wirsching Iphöfer Kammer Riesling Großes Gewächs 2019	International Riesling Trophy, German White Trophy
Germany	Weingut Reiss Würzburger Pfaffenberg Silvaner Auslese 2020	German Sweet Trophy
Italy	Col Vetoraz Spumanti Valdobbiadene Superiore Di Cartizze 2021	Prosecco Trophy
Italy	Antonella Corda Cannonau Di Sardegna 2020	Italian Red Trophy, Sardinian Red Trophy
New Zealand	Yealands Estate Single Block S1 Sauvignon Blanc 2021	International Sauvignon Blanc Trophy, Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc Trophy
New Zealand	Giesen Single Vineyard Clayvin Syrah 2019	IWC Organic Trophy 2022, Marlborough Syrah Trophy
New Zealand	McArthur Ridge Southern Tor 2020	New Zealand Red Trophy, Otago Pinot Noir Trophy
New Zealand	Giesen The Brothers Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc 2017	New Zealand Sweet Trophy
North Macedonia	Tikves Merak 2021	North Macedonian Trophy
Portugal	Justino's Madeira Verdelho 1997	Madeira Trophy
Portugal	Dalva Porto Colheita Tawny 1985	Port Trophy, Colheita Port Trophy
Portugal	Catedral Dão Reserva Tinto 2021	Portuguese Red Trophy, Dao Trophy
South Africa	Spar Reserve Chenin Blanc Fairtrade 2021	IWC Fairtrade Award 2022
South Africa	Neil Ellis Whitehall Chardonnay 2020	South African White Trophy, South African Chardonnay Trophy
South Africa	Bouchard Finlayson Tete de Cuvee Pinot Noir 2020	South African Red Trophy
Spain	Cabecita Loca Vermouth NV	Vermouth Trophy
Spain	Villa Conchi Extra Brut Imperial Reserva 2018	Cava Trophy



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Spain	Bodegas Altos de Torona Albariño 2021	Spanish White Trophy , Rías Baixas Trophy
Spain	Legaris Alcubilla De Avellaneda 2018	Spanish Red Trophy , Ribera Del Duero Trophy
Uruguay	Garzón Single Vineyard Tannat 2020	Uruguay Red Trophy

The full list of Trophy and Champion award winners at the 2022 International Wine Challenge released on 7th July can be found [here](#).

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

The International Wine Challenge

In its 39th 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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