

General terms and conditions for participation in the PIWI WINE AWARD INTERNATIONAL 2023

Wine competition exclusively for wines made from grapes, apples or pears of fungus-resistant varieties (PIWI)

§1 Participants

Eligible for participation are all natural and actual persons of winegrowing, wine production co-ops, wine wholesalers, wine retailers and gastronomes. Private individuals may not submit wines.

§2 Numeral limit to participating wines

There is no limit to the number of wines a participant may submit.

§3 Permitted Classes/Legal Requirements

The wine should be produced from wine grapes, apples or pears of fungus-resistant varieties in conformance with wine law and particular national regulations, complying with regulations of the European Union. Brandies, liqueurs, and alcohol-free wines may not participate. All samples must be part of a homogeneous partition of wine, carrying a charge number, lot number, official inspection number or another readily identifiable reference to a certain barrel, keg, tank, run, batch, or filling and must be marked accordingly.

§4 Categories

Eligible are wines of all fungus-resistant grapes as well as blends of all vinification methods in the categories: white, red, rosé, dessert, sparkling wine, champagnes, natural wine and specialities. **For cuvées, the composition of the grape varieties has to be specified and it has to contain of at least 85% fungus-resistant grape varieties.** The same applies to wine made of apples and pears. The organizers of the competition reserve the right to reassign any submitted wine to a different category during the evaluation process. Wines of all quality levels are permitted.

§5 Natural wine

Under participation in our quality contest, there is a possibility to submit one natural wine in each category. Following additional requirements must be fulfilled:

- The wine must be produced from 100 % ecologically certified grapes, apples or pears (certificate required). **Wines from the conversion are not permitted.**
- No sulphurated acid use from the beginning of the processing of grapes, apples and pears.
- „nothing in and nothing out“ (No aids, additives or measures that change the original ingredients nature of grapes, apples, pears, must and wine)

§6 Non-alcoholic wine

Non-alcoholic wines are permitted in all categories.

§7 Partial filling and barrel sample

In a case of partial filling, the use of awards is permitted under the condition of providing analysis for each further filling and submission of the back-up-bottle. The participant bears all expenses. **Barrel samples are non-eligible for the award.**

Barrel samples are permitted respectively quality management and product development. These will be tasted within a separate category providing an oenological and sensory assessment excluding the awarding of the medals.

§8 Bottle size

Wines are to be submitted in bottle sizes customary in the trade. (Bottles of each size and shape, bag in box, tins, etc.).

§9 Participation fees

a) For each submitted wine, a participation fee will be charged:

from 1 wine	-	119 €	for each wine
from 3 wines	-	107 €	for each wine
from 6 wines	-	99 €	for each wine
from 12 wines	-	95 €	for each wine

All quoted participation fees are without taxes. The legally required value added tax for the country where the competition is held will be added to all fees. The participation fee won't be paid back for samples that were submitted twice.

b) After registration, every participant will receive his login credentials for the online registration of the wine details and an invoice as confirmation for the subscription.

c) The invoice amount is due immediately (without discounts or deductions). Complete payment is required for participation in the competition. **Payment shall take place by SEPA credit transfer.**

d) **In case of cancellation of the subscription a cancellation fee of € 50,- has to be paid.**

e) **Deliveries arriving after the official entry deadline require an additional processing fee of € 50,-**

f) In case of loss, damage, and of late delivery of the shipment there is a handling charge in the amount of the participation fee, maximum € 150, - net.

§10 Submission of samples

A sample of **3 (three) bottles** for each of the registered wines must be submitted and mailed to the quoted address. All postage, taxes and duties must be paid, and the shipment must arrive free of any charge or obligation to the recipient. Please be sure to observe the currently applicable customs regulations for shipments from other EU countries.

The wines must be properly registered via EMCS. The excise duty number is DE00021696799.

You will find the exact extract from the customs regulations below.

The standard procedure for the movement of goods in free circulation subject to excise regulations must also be followed for competition samples.

A participant who does not wish to carry out the required formalities (permission as certified consignor / certified consignee, EMCS IT transport procedure)

himself can have these carried out by a cooperation partner (forwarding agent).

For the carriage of wine (also applies to sparkling wine) by "small" producers (cf. § 46 paragraph 3 SchaumwZwStV), the individual Member States may allow simplifications, including waiving the use of EMCS, in accordance with Article 48 of Council Directive (EU) 2020/262 of 19 December 2019. The transport then takes place in a transport procedure under wine law, which must then be concluded accordingly in the Member State of destination. Whether and which simplifications are permitted is determined by the individual Member State. In this respect, the individual national regulations must be observed.

The wines must be accompanied **by the fully completed** wine pass (online or facsimile template). All submitted samples become the property of the recipient and no return of any samples, including empty bottles or packaging, will be made to the participant.

§11 Deadlines

The deadlines for submission of all wines, please see "appointments". Samples that arrive late cannot be considered for participation. Samples cannot be returned. The paid invoice amount will not be refunded.

§12 Jury/Evaluation

The jury is comprised of qualified and recognized PAR® Certified Masters and guest tasters. The wines are tasted blindly according to the PAR® testing method. The wines are evaluated according to their product category, origin (terroir), style and marketability. The results are transparent and will be converted to the international 100 point system. The awards will be given in each category according to the scored number of points. In addition, special awards may be given.

§13 Logo

The logo or any other insignia linked to the organizers as well as awards may be used by the participants in agreement with the organizers. The proprietorship and all rights of the logo and awards insignia remain with the organizer. Unauthorized use, alteration or reproduction is prohibited.

§14 Use of medals

Authorized use may only occur in conjunction with the awarded wine and its submitted charge number and label. The use must meet the criteria of competition law of the country where the wine has been produced. The responsibility and liability rest with the participant, resp. its assign. In the case of German wines, awards may be featured as defined in §30 (1) of the German Wine Regulation.

§15 Litigation/Fulfilment

The court of litigation and the place of fulfilment is the place of business of the organizer. German law will apply exclusively.

§16 Acceptance of event terms and conditions

By completing a binding registration, all participants recognize the terms and conditions of participation as legally binding and expressly accept any and all results of the evaluation. An appeal of the evaluation results is not permitted.

§17 Concluding Items**(1) Exclusion**

The organizers may exclude any participant from the event, especially in case of submitted untrue or willingly false information. The organizers reserve the right to claim for damages. There is no legal claim to participation in the event. Submitted wine samples for which the registration fees have not been paid, will be excluded from participation.

(2) Clause of usage

The participant agrees that unused sample quantities may be used gratuitously for national and international comparison tasting, for training and education purposes and for the common cause of furthering international wine culture.

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