

THE AWARD-WINNING WINES OF THE 110TH TASTEVINAGE UNVEILED AT THE CLOS DE VOUGEOT

110 tasting-judges gathered at the Clos de Vougeot on 9 September 2022 to take part in the 110th edition of the Tastevinage. An event at which the *vins de Bourgogne* most representative of their appellation and vintages are singled out to receive the Tastevinage Seal, a guarantee of their authenticity and quality. The award winners were chosen from a selection of 271 wines by a jury of professionals from the world of wine, headed by Dr. Fabrizio Bucella PhD, professor of physics and mathematics at the University of Brussels, visiting professor at the universities of Bordeaux and Rheims,

sommelier, and masterful populariser of matters scientific and oenological.

THE RESULTS OF THE 110TH TASTEVINAGE

Wine producers, sommeliers, restaurateurs, wine-merchants, buyers, journalists and connoisseurs met up once again in the Great Cellar of the Clos de Vougeot, that veritable shrine of Burgundy's winegrowing and cultural heritage.

During the session, more than a hundred judges tasted **271** *vins de Bourgogne*, out of which **only ninety-one** were awarded the Tastevinage Seal : a success rate of **33.58%**. The awards were distributed among :

- 28 regional appellations
- 39 village appellations
- 24 Premier and Grand Cru appellations

A result that conforms with the aim of the Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin to promote the reputation of Burgundy's great wines, whatever their appellation status.

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THE TASTEVINAGE LABEL : AN INVALUABLE SIGNPOST FOR CONSUMERS

Created in 1950 by the Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin, the Tastevinage seal of approval enables experienced wine-lovers as well as novices to find their way among the wide range of *vins de Bourgogne* on offer. In other terms, it is a guarantee of quality and pleasure for consumers looking for wines that are both affordable and truly representative of the Burgundy wine region, from Chablis to the Beaujolais *crus*. The result of a rigorous examination carried out by a jury of discriminating connoisseurs and experts, the Tastevinage seal values and rewards the winegrower's savoir-faire as well as the quality of his wine.



According to a study carried out by **Viavoice**, 59% of French consumers take particular notice of medals awarded to wines and find them a useful guide in their choice of purchase : a not unimportant factor when, according to the 2022 SOWINE/DYNATA Barometer, 49% of French consumers are novices in wine terms. Awarded annually for over seventy years by the Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin, the Tastevinage seal helps to enlighten and facilitate the choice of the label-conscious wine-lover.

The medallion label affixed to the neck (the *macaron*) identifies the Tastevinage laureate ; it indicates the date of the award, the bottle lot number, reference number, the wine's appellation and vintage. In this way, as with past editions, consumers will be able to find without difficulty the ninety-one laureates of the 110th Tastevinage, in producers' cellars or restaurants.

FABRIZIO BUCELLA: PATRON OF THE 110TH EDITION



The patron of this edition is the eminent physicist, mathematician and sommelier, Dr Fabrizio Bucella. Dr Fabrizio teaches mathematics and physics at the Free University of Brussels (ULD), and is also a visiting professor at several French universities, including Bordeaux and Rheims. He is director of Inter Wine and Dine's school of oenology in Brussels and organizes numerous wine-tasting courses. In August 2022, he

published his latest book, *The Oenological Tribulations of Professor Bucella- How to talk about wines you have never tasted, and other matters** (Flammarion). Sommelier, with an expert knowledge in beer and wine, he has written several best-sellers, including *The Anti-Wine Guide** (reprinted in an expanded edition in 2022), *Why do we drink wine ?**, *In Search of Lost Wine** and *My Matching Dishes and Wines Course**, all published by Dunod. Combining scientific with oenological knowledge, these books are written in a style accessible to all. In addition to writing a column on wine-related topics for the magazine Le Point, he also hosts *Fabrizio Bucella IWD* on You Tube, where he recently presented an entire series of free wine-tasting courses during the Covid-19 lockdown. Fabrizio Bucella succeeds the author, screenwriter and television personality Daniel Picouly as Tastevinage patron.

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