

CHALLENGE INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.B.

DE DEGUSTATION DE VINS

2024



Appréciation collective / Collective rating

List of the 25 wines tasted / Liste des 25 vins servis

Vins préférés / Preferred wines

2nd F.I.C.B. International Wine tasting and rating Challenge

Budapest 23-26 May 2024

List and description of the wines tasted and rated at the Challenge

Principle of the tasting and rating

- The wines had been supplied by the producers through the related wine brotherhoods members of F.I.C.B.
- At the beginning of each of the 5 meals, 5 different wines were blindly tasted and rated by each participant of the Challenge
- The participants filled an individual appreciation card (see annex) concluded by an overall individual mark from 0 to 20
- The appreciation cards were processed by adding the individual marks, under the supervision of a Jury chaired by Pr. Diana NYITRAINE SARDY
- Three „preferred wines” having had the highest total in their category (red,white,rosé) were thus determined.

May 23, Welcome dinner Radisson Blue Béke Hotel

1.Borbély Winery: Tomaj'23 (cuvée Rózsakő-Kéknyelű-Olasz Rizling - Hungary)

The wine was born from the blending of three typical varieties of the wine region. Its fruity character is enhanced by a lively acidity and elegant minerality. The vigour of the Rózsakő, the minerality of the Kéknyelű, and the light delicacy of the Olaszrizling are all enhanced by the freshness of the aging in a tank.
Alcohol: 12,5%

2.Quinta da Boeira: Boeira Douro DOC White 2022 (Portugal)

Douro DOC White 2022 with a pale citrine and bright colour, presents an aroma of green apple, passion fruit and white flowers. Balanced acidity on the palate and an engaging sense of minerality. Good accompaniment to fish dishes, salads and can be served as an aperitif. Should be consumed at a temperature between 8 and 10°C.
Alcohol: 13 %

3.Thummerer Winery: Classic Bikavér 2020 (Hungary)

One of the most famous wines of the Eger wine region, according to the legends it was consumed even by the Hungarian troops fighting against the Turkish army. Ruby color, rich, spicy and smooth tannins. Reminiscent of red currant in the nose and complements the wonderful fragrance that resulted from the wooden barrel fermentation.
Alcohol: 14%

4.Stoller Family: Reserve Pinot Noir 2019 (Oregon U.S.A.)

For over 20 years, our Reserve Pinot Noir has been our flagship, representing one of our finest offerings each year. It is a true reflection of our estate in Willamette Valley's Dundee Hills. The 2019 vintage was a classic growing season in Oregon, and this wine shows beautiful notes of roses, pomegranate, and flint, with a full, vibrant profile.
USA-Oregon Alcohol: 13,9 %

5. Domaine Kosei: "Cherry Bonica & Beverly Kataoka Merlot"2021 (Japan)

Domaine KOSEI "Cherry Bonica & Beverly Kataoka Merlot" is made from Merlot grapes from the Cherry Bonica and

Beverly vineyards, which are the most concentrated grapes from the winery's own vineyards. The Merlot grapes from the 'Cherry Bonica' and 'Beverly' orchards were aged for 15 months in French oak barrels to produce a red wine of the winery's finest quality! Sweet buttery aromas, rich blackcurrant and plum fruit and smooth tannins. A medium-bodied, elegant wine with a pleasant finish.

May 24, Lunch - Robinson Restaurant

1. Stoller Family: Pinot Noir Rose 2023 (Oregon U.S.A.)

Stoller Willamette Valley Rosé 2023

As a cornerstone of our winemaking program for almost two decades, we farm specific vineyard sections intentionally for rosé. Fresh, juicy, and vibrant, aromas of strawberry and orange peel spring from the glass. A bright line of acidity buzzes across the palate, fading into delicate notes of white tea and flowers. USA-Oregon-Stoller Family Alcohol: 12,5 %

2. Chateau Ruban: Noria (white) 2023 (Slovakia)

Quality varietal wine, late harvest, wine with a protected designation of origin, white,

semi-dry Taste and sensory characteristics: The wine has a sparkling straw-golden colour. The distinctly varietal aroma is full of meadow flowers, fresh citrus fruits, especially grapefruit and vineyard peaches. The palate is long, rich in fruit acids that are balanced with residual sugar. It contains notes of citrus fruits with an aftertaste of vineyard peaches. The aftertaste, combined with the alcohol and residual sugar, leaves the mouth with a fresh, fruity sensation. Alcohol: 12,43 %

3. Nyakas Winery: Budai Selection Chardonnay 2022 (Hungary)

Begins with a characterful nose and aromas of the late harvest. Then scents of the small oak barrel maturation, vanilla, apple, and ripe figs turn up through the palate. Great aging potential with golden yellow color, men-like structure, long finish, and great sugar-to-acid balance. Provides a great experience with savory dishes or with a Cuban cigar.

4. Les Vins de Boris Keller: Barrique Pinot Noir (Switzerland)

Pinot Noir is a typical **Burgundy grape variety**, and is well suited to the Neuchâtel terroir and its limestone soil.

This wine spent a short time of 8 months in wooden barrels. It has a dark ruby colour,

more colourful and concentrated than its little brother, the traditional Pinot Noir. On the palate, this wine is beautifully fresh, revealing notes of red fruit, black cherry and blackberry, with a hint of plum, together with notes of forest floor. The barrel ageing is discreet, adding body to the tasting experience, without overpowering roasted aromas. The tannic structure, while present, remains soft without becoming astringent. This vintage can be enjoyed young or kept for another five years.

This wine goes well with grilled red meat or a cheese platter from our Swiss region or from elsewhere. To serve, we suggest opening this vintage four hours early and serving it at a temperature of 13 to 16°C.

5. Figula Winery: Dörgicse Merlot 2017 (Hungary)

The distinctive character of Dörgicsei Merlot 2017 captivates with its velvety texture and rich fruity aromas. Mature cherry, plum, and subtle spices elegantly intertwine in this Merlot, which indulges the taste buds with a long finish and complex structure, rightfully earning its place as one of Figula Winery's outstanding wines. Alcohol: 14%

May 24, Dinner - Primus boat

1. Borbély Winery: Bács-hegy Olasz Rizling 2021 (Hungary)

In line with the local tradition, the gift of Bács Hill was fermented in new oak barrels and aged for 6 months. Thanks to the basaltic, clayey soil, it is an excellent wine with a highly complex aftertaste reminiscent of bitter almonds and a high magnesium content.

2. Lumiere Winery: Hikari Koshu Barrel Fermented 2021 (koshu=varietal) GI Yamanashi (Japan)

Lumiere Hikari Koshu is made from Koshu grape (O.I.V.) harvested from the company's own vineyards, which are then hand-picked one by one, barrel fermented and matured for approximately 20 months before release. This wine has a powerful, thick flavour with concentrated fruit, good acidity and umami, and a hint of oak.

3. Dubicz Winery: Olasz Rizling Barrique 2020 (Hungary)

Colour of yellow straw, with a gentle oak barrel tone in its fragrance. It is a perfect material for the oak barrel. The 3-month barrel aging is just enough, giving the wine a pleasant tone. The acids and the body

are elegantly balanced. It can be the favourite of barrique lovers.

Alcohol: 13,5%

4. Vina Bencina: Yellow Muscat (Slovenia)

Yellow Muscat, a special story of Benčina wine, year 2022, grapes picked in low crates, air-dried until the New Year, then stalked, pressed after a couple of days. With the help of controlled fermentation, an alcohol level of 16.5% and 105 Oe of sugar was achieved. The wine, with its golden straw color, is the pride of the winery.

5. Chateau Ruban: Dunaj (Slovakia)

Quality varietal wine, selection of harvest, wine with a protected designation of origin, red, dry. Taste and sensoric features: Wine of deep, dark red color with a purple-violet rim, with matured fruity aroma dominated by tones of plums, wild sour cherry, black thorn jam, plum gingerbread and fresh grounded cocoa beans. The variety was bred in Slovakia in 1958.

Alcohol: 15,5

May 24, Lunch Queen Elisabeth Restaurant Godollo

1. Gál Winery: Rose cuvée 2023 (Hungary)

The wine is a blend of Cabernet Franc and Pinot Noir. This rosé is intense, lush and fruity on the nose. Light, raspberry and strawberry on the palate.

2. Vina Bencina: Chardonnay 2019 (Slovenia)

Chardonnay, 2019, harvest 25/09/2019, very ripe grapes, maceration 50 hours, fermentation at 14 degrees Celsius. When half boiled, the flow is made into a barrique of soda and it remains on fine lees, boiling, until Christmas with the help of regular stirring. After boiling, two more years in barrique barrels, then bottled.

3. Grands Annibals AOP Provence Rose (France)

The exact name of the cuvée is "Grands Annibals".

"AOP Coteaux Varois en Provence" is the name of our appellation, and "grenache and cinsault" are the grape varieties in the blend. Here is a brief description of the cuvée :

"Grands Annibals" : "Great Annibals", dedication to the Annibals, strong and

courageous winegrowers who have cultivated our vines and produced our wine for generations with respect for their Terroir and Man. A confidential cuvée that is produced when the quality of the grapes shows exceptional promise.

4. Gere Winery: Villányi Franc 2020 (Hungary)

The wine opens with cool notes, primarily blackberries and ripe forest berries. In its aroma, hints of cinnamon, coffee, and a touch of cloves make the varietal character more exciting, which concentrates in a juicy sip when tasted. The elegance given by sweet barrel spices, as well as the characteristic vibrant, fruity structure of the vintage, show a beautiful balance. Mature flavor notes and fine tannins paint a picture of its current state, but its intrinsic values suggest even more about its long future.

Alcohol: 14,5%

5. Château La Bastidié: Rouge 2014 AOP Gaillac (France)

Grape varieties :

35% Merlot, 30% Fer Servadou, 25% Syrah, 10% Cabernet

Tasting notes :

Deep, brilliant red colour, with hints of violet.

Complex, powerful nose of ripe red fruit (blackcurrant, raspberry), spices and liquorice.

Fresh and lively on the palate.

This wine has a fine balance of tannins and fruit.

May 25 Gala dinner Radisson Blue Béke Hotel

1. Figula Winery: Bella Rose 2022 (Hungary)

The Figula Bella Róza is a special premium rosé. The short maceration on the skins, the aging on fine lees, and the careful use of barrels all contribute to the wine's complexity. Both the aroma and flavor reveal red berry fruits. A touch of residual sugar makes each sip even more delightful. It bids farewell with a long, refined finish.

Alcohol: 12,5%

2. Chateau Ruban: Cabernet Sauvignon Rose 2023 (Slovakia)

Cabernet Sauvignon Rose '23

Quality varietal wine, late harvest, wine with protected designation of origin, rosé, semi-dry
Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon
Taste

and sensory characteristics: The wine is salmon-raspberry pink in colour, with a distinctly fruity, attractive aroma of wild strawberries, raspberries and blackcurrants. The palate is juicy and fruity, with strawberry-cream undertones and a fresh structure of tangy acids.

Alcohol: 11,9 %

3. Vesztergombi Winery: Porkoláb Kékfrankos 2019 (Hungary)

Porkoláb Kékfrankos 2019, the pride of Vesztergombi Winery, boasts a harmonious flavor profile and excellent structure. A full-bodied round wine with a nice acid structure, forest and blackberry fruit, nicely complemented by the carnation and vanilla from barrel aging. Long finish.

4. Script cellars: Exordium Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 (Oregon U.S.A.)

The 2015 Script Cellars Exordium Cabernet Sauvignon is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Weinbau Vineyard in Washington Wahluke Slope. 2015 was a warm vintage giving optimal ripeness to the fruit. The notes of dusty cherry and balanced acidity are traits of the Weinbau Vineyard. The wine was aged for 24

months in New French Oak. Enjoy now, or in another 10 years. USA-OREGON

5.Vina Bencina: Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 (Slovenia)

Cabernet Sauvignon, 2019, dry, alcohol 13%, maceration for nine months in an amphora together with strawberry skins, 2.5 meters underground, pressed after nine months and then aged for two years in barrique barrels, then aerated and half a year lying in a cistern as preparation for bottling.

... and the winners were :

- **Preferred red wine : Gere Winery Villányi Franc 2020 (Hungary)**
- **Preferred white wine : Chateau Ruban Noria 2023 (Slovakia)**
- **Preferred rosé wine : Grands Annibals AOP Coteaux Varois en Provence Rosé (2023) (France)**





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Wine appreciation card/ Fiche d'appréciation de vin

Date :

Name/Nom :

	VISUAL/VISUEL	NOSE/NEZ	TASTE/GOÛT	TOTAL
WINE/VIN 1				
WINE/VIN 2				
WINE/VIN 3				
WINE/VIN 4				

Rating methodology

Each wine should be given a score between 0 and a **maximum of 20**, based on the addition of the following sub scores:

0 to 3 for appearance

0 to 5 for nose

0 to 12 for taste

Méthode d'évaluation

Chaque vin reçoit une note globale entre 0 et un **maximum de 20**, par addition des notes partielles suivantes :

0 à 3 pour l'apparence visuelle

0 à 5 pour le nez

0 à 12 pour le goût