

Heredad Baños Bezares, HEBABE GRACIANO 2008 wins Commended medal in the world's biggest global wine competition

Heredad Baños Bezares has been awarded a Commended medal in the 2013 Decanter World Wine Awards for their HEBABE GRACIANO 2008

Heredad Baños Bezares is a small family winery born of love to retaining traditional viticulture manual processing methods inherited from generation to generation for over 100 years from La Rioja, Spain

The Decanter World Wine Awards is the world's leading wine competition. The competition is well known for its rigorous judging process, which has led to the Decanter World Wine Awards becoming the most authoritative source of wine recommendations for wine lovers worldwide. This year, the 219 judges were from all around the world assessed 14,362 wines from 52 countries. This year's expert panel of judges included 75 Masters of Wine, and 13 Master Sommeliers.

Jean-Michel Valette MW, DWWA 2013 Judge, says: "What the DWWA team has really done is to recruit a panel of the very best palates in the world to taste each wine, and so when a wine wins a Decanter Medal in this competition, it's something to be truly proud of."

Chairman of the Decanter World Wine Awards, Steven Spurrier, says: "The DWWA has arrived at an authority, thanks to the judges, the organisation, thanks to the whole packaging. We're here to recognise quality, that's all we're here for."

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Notes to Editors

- The DWWA was launched in 2004, and is celebrating 10 years as the world's leading wine competition.
- This year, the DWWA welcomed a record-breaking 14,362 wines into the competition, from 52 countries around the world.
- The DWWA is respected internationally for its prestigious reputation and unrivalled consumer influence.

- The DWWA 2013 recruited 219 judges from 27 countries around the world, including 75 Masters of Wine, and 13 Master Sommeliers.
- Wines are organised for tasting by country, region, colour, grape, style, vintage, and price, to ensure that wines are judged in flights against their peers.
- Wines awarded a Gold or Silver medal are re-tasted by the Regional Chair for his or her confirmation.
- All the Gold medal-winning wines within each region are divided into categories according to price (under or over £15) and style or grape variety.
- All Gold, Regional Trophy and International Trophy winning wines are tasted up to four times.
- All Regional Trophy winners are then split into categories according to grape variety or style. These wines then compete for the Exceptional Value International Trophies (under £15) and International Trophies (over £15) in a separate tasting judged by Chairman, Steven Spurrier, our guest Vice-Chair, Gerard Basset MS MW OBE, and three Regional Chairs – the top wines from each region being pitted against each other to win the DWWA's ultimate accolade.
- For more information on the DWWA, and for a full list of results, please visit: www.decanter.com/dwwa