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Israeli Wines Shine at International Competition

Israeli Wines from Judean Hills Capture Gold and Silver at Prestigious Competition

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On July 8, the Israeli delegation achieved significant recognition at the 22nd edition of the Città del Vino International Wine Competition, securing two gold medals and one silver. This esteemed event, dedicated to celebrating excellence in viticulture, spotlighted three wines from the Judean Hills, a renowned wine-producing region in Israel.

Organized by the National Association Città del Vino and the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV), the competition aims to emphasize the synergy between territories and their local wine productions.

Award-Winning Wines

Kadma Winery - Gold Medal:

Petit Verdot from the Judean Mountains, 2021 Vintage.

This wine underwent a cold fermentation process lasting four months and was aged in French oak barrels for 14 months. It boasts an intense red color with violet reflections, offering aromas of dark flowers, spices, and woody notes. The flavor is full-bodied with black fruit and notable tannins.

Nevo Winery - Gold Medal:

Petit Verdot from the Judean Mountains, 2021 Vintage.

Aged for 23 months in French oak barrels, this wine is composed of 100% Petit Verdot grapes. It features a deep ruby red color, distinctive woody notes, and an intense floral flavor combined with black fruit and herbaceous undertones. The texture is smooth and rounded, with a long, pleasant finish.

Yaffo Winery - Silver Medal:

Sauvignon Blanc from the Judean Mountains, 2023 Vintage.

This wine was produced through a slow cold fermentation process to enhance its aromas. The grapes were cultivated in the Moshav of Mata. It offers fresh and vibrant characteristics, with a fruity flavor ideal for pairing with fish and light dishes.

The Rich Tradition of Judean Wines

The wines of the Judean Hills are a testament to an ancient vinous tradition that continues to thrive, blending ancestral methods with modern technology. Since 2020, these wines have received appellation of origin status, further elevating their international prestige.

Since the establishment of the State of Israel, the wine industry has seen remarkable resurgence and growth. Currently, over 1,500 hectares of vineyards flourish in the region's mountains and valleys.

The accolades garnered at the Città del Vino International Wine Competition are not merely a testament to the quality of Israeli wines but also reflect the dedication and innovation of the country's winemakers. The Judean Hills, with its unique terroir and climatic conditions, provide an ideal environment for viticulture, producing wines that can compete on the global stage.

The gold and silver medals awarded to Kadma, Nevo, and Yaffo wineries underscore the exceptional craftsmanship and quality that have become synonymous with Judean wines. These achievements highlight Israel's potential to be a major player in the international wine market, offering products that are both distinctive and of outstanding quality.

As Israeli wines continue to gain recognition, the future looks bright for the country's viticulture industry. The combination of historical legacy, innovative practices, and a commitment to excellence ensures that the wines from the Judean Hills will continue to impress connoisseurs and judges alike.

With each accolade, Israeli winemakers reinforce their reputation for producing wines that not only reflect their rich heritage but also embrace the future of viticulture. The successes at the Città del Vino International Wine Competition are a clear indication that the best is yet to come for Israeli wines.