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Alliances du Monde Wine Competition Returns to France Highlighting Oak-Aged Excellence

Global wineries compete for prestigious medals as event upholds rigorous judging standards and celebrates harmony between wine and oak

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The 13th edition of the Alliances du Monde International Wine & Barrel Competition is set to take place in France in November 21, 2025. This annual event focuses on recognizing wines that best showcase the harmony between wine and oak, a key aspect in the production of many high-quality wines. Organized by Forum Œnologie, a group with more than two decades of experience in international wine competitions, Alliances du Monde has established itself as a respected mark of quality within the industry.

The competition distinguishes itself through its strict methodology. Each judge is limited in the number of wines they taste, ensuring careful evaluation and preventing palate fatigue. Tasting conditions are carefully controlled to maintain consistency and fairness. The selection of judges is rigorous, with only experienced experts invited to participate. The process follows international standards and uses a scientific approach to analyze results, aiming for objectivity and reliability.

Wineries interested in participating must submit their samples by October 16, 2025. The competition is open to wines from around the world that have been aged in oak barrels or have otherwise benefited from oak influence. The goal is to highlight those wines where the integration of oak enhances the overall quality and character, rather than overpowering it.

Forum Œnologie has a history of organizing specialized competitions that focus on specific grape varieties or wine styles. Events such as Chardonnay du Monde, Syrah du Monde, Muscats du Monde, and Effervescents du Monde have become recognized benchmarks for quality within their respective categories. Medals awarded at these events are widely regarded as reliable indicators for both consumers and professionals.

Alliances du Monde continues this tradition by providing a platform for producers to showcase their expertise in marrying wine with oak. The competition’s medals are seen as a mark of excellence, helping guide buyers and collectors toward wines that demonstrate balance and craftsmanship.

The event attracts entries from established wineries as well as emerging producers seeking international recognition. By maintaining high standards and transparency throughout the judging process, Alliances du Monde aims to ensure that its awards

remain meaningful within the global wine community.

As the deadline for sample submissions approaches, wineries from across the globe are preparing their entries in hopes of earning one of these coveted medals. The results will be closely watched by industry professionals, importers, and wine enthusiasts who look to Alliances du Monde for guidance on outstanding examples of wine and oak harmony.