

Rules for the Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge

Article 1: Purpose

The Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge (in French: Challenge International Gilbert & Gaillard) is an international competition organised worldwide by WineTasting and Trading Ltd, hereinafter referred to as “The Organising Company” under the Gilbert & Gaillard brand name. The Challenge is designed to distinguish wines, spirits and other wine-based beverages from across the world that have reached an optimal level of taste expression. The “Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge” is governed by the rules set out below.

Article 2: Beneficiaries

The following are eligible to participate in the Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge:

- Wine growers,
- Co-operative wineries,
- Co-operative winery groups,
- Producer groups,
- Merchant traders

Article 3: Admission requirements

3.1. Terms and Conditions

Admission requirements for the Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge are as follows:

(a) The Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge is open to products from all over the world listed in Article 1 (and referred to for convenience in these Rules as “wine”) with a protected designation of origin, a protected geographical indication or a designation recognised in their country of origin. If they do not have a designation, they must meet international technical, health and labelling standards.

(b) The mandatory requirement is that “wines” entered must come from a consistent lot intended for consumption.

The Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge is open to:

- Bottled "wines",
- “Wines” packaged in bag-in-boxes
- "Wines" in bulk.

If the “wine” is not bottled or displaying its final presentation at the time of entry to the International Challenge, the brand(s), the precise name and designation under which it will be marketed and the

container, volume and number of the lot presented must be clearly specified. In the event of obtaining a medal and ordering stickers, the final label (s) will be required as well as the quantity of the packaged lot which must be commensurate with the volume declared at the time of entry.

(c) The competing “wine” must be available in quantities of at least 600 litres.

3.2. Samples

Each sample shall be presented under the following conditions:

- 2 bottles of 0.5 L to 1 L approx. per sample, or 2 boxes containing a maximum 5 L (for bag in box style packaging).
- Shipping is at the competitor’s expense and risk.
- Any samples sent carriage forward will be refused.

The Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge receives samples and entry fees and eliminates those that do not comply with these rules.

No non-compliant samples will be returned, as the samples remain the property of the Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge.

3.3. Payment of entry fees

Entries can be made online or by post.

Entry fees are paid by bank cheque, credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Eurocard), bank transfer or Paypal according to the conditions indicated on the registration forms.

Under no circumstances will the payment be refunded.

3.4: Registration file

The registration file consists of:

- the registration form (one per entry)
- an analysis report less than one year old issued by a laboratory for each entry submitted and containing, in addition to the elements enabling it to be identified, the following particulars:
 - . lot number or name
 - . lot volume (in number of bottles)
 - . actual alcoholic strength at 20°C in % vol,
 - . potential alcoholic strength at 20°C in % vol,
 - . sugars (glucose + fructose) in g/L,
 - . total acidity in meq/L,
 - . volatile acidity in meq/L,
 - . total sulphur dioxide in mg/L,

- . overpressure in bars for sparkling and semi-sparkling wines.
- a set of 3 labels per entry (matching the vintage entered). With regard to unpackaged “wines”, Article 3.1.b applies.
- payment of entry fees (one payment per company name, even for several entries).

Article 4: Tasting

4.1: Conditions for organising the tasting

The “wines” are sent by producers to the address indicated on the registration file, which varies depending on the country.

Upon arrival, delivery is taken and the “wines” are recorded and stored in air-conditioned rooms or cabinets.

The “wines” are tasted according to their category (origin, type, colour), in consistent price bands; the samples are placed beforehand in identical packaging concealing their shape and guaranteeing their anonymity. The assessment of the “wines” is descriptive and includes comments on:

- visual aspect,
- olfactory aspect,
- taste impression,
- harmony,
- product typicity.

Judges are selected from lists of professionals. They form panels chosen from among specialised journalists, oenologists, sommeliers... The judges are placed under the responsibility of a panel chair who manages the wine tasting process, liaises with the organising company to ensure the general functioning of the panel and summarises the tasting comments. The Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge takes appropriate measures to ensure the anonymity of wines and their equal treatment. The Organising Company ensures the smooth running of the Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge, verifies compliance with the rules, the preparation of samples, the organisation and execution of the tasting using the appropriate form, checking, exploitation and publication of the results.

4.2: Selection of “wines” and awarding of medals

The Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge includes 4 sessions:

- Winter Session: from January to March
- Spring Session: from April to June
- Summer Session: from July to September
- Autumn Session: from October to December

For each session, the panel meets as many times as necessary and makes a taste selection. During each tasting, a batch of wines of the same category is presented to the panel.

The panel deliberates and decides on the type of medal to be awarded to each “wine” and has the possibility of downgrading it if the sample and its duplicate are faulty.

Article 5: Awards

The Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge awards the following accolades:

Gold Medal, Silver Medal, Bronze Medal.

“Wines” scoring 90/100 or higher may also be awarded a medal indicating the score obtained: 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Finally, “Best Value” or “Smart Buy” medals are awarded to “wines” with a quality/price ratio considered to be particularly interesting.

The Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge provides winners with a document specifying the nature of the distinction awarded, the identity of the “wine”, the category in which it competed and the name of the marketer.

Bottle stickers are available from the Organising Company or designated service providers for award winning “wines”, in quantities commensurate with the volume declared on the registration form. Any other representation of the reward obtained is prohibited under penalty of prosecution.

Article 6: Inspection

The Organising Company remains competent to settle any disputes. Thus, the organisers may carry out analytical checks on a selection of award-winning samples through an approved wine analysis laboratory and reserve the right to carry out any follow-up they deem necessary.

The Organising Company reserves the exclusive right to check the commercial use of the rewards on behalf of the Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge and possibly to prosecute producers, marketers or printers who commit fraud or counterfeiting. Fraud is defined as the act of awarding medals to “wines” that have not received a reward; forgery is defined as the act of printing or having Gilbert & Gaillard medals printed without the express agreement of the organising company as part of a strictly monitored process.

Article 7: Force majeure and amendments

Should an event beyond the control of the Organising Company prevent the smooth running of the Challenge, the Organising Company shall not be held liable under any circumstances.

The Organising Company reserves the right to cancel the Challenge, modify the dates initially planned, shorten it, extend it, modify its conditions or the course of the Challenge in the event of force majeure (epidemic, fire, natural disaster, strike, terrorist act, etc.), an event independent of its responsibility or justified necessity. The Organising Company may not be held responsible for any theft, loss, delay or damage in the delivery of samples.

Article 8: Participation in the Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge

Participation entails de facto acceptance of these Rules.

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