

ULTIMATE BEVERAGE CHALLENGE



ULTIMATE WINE CHALLENGE — 2019 —

Everything related to **Ultimate Wine Challenge® (UWC)** is extraordinary from its famously rigorous methodology, to its world-class judges, to the Ultimate Beverage Challenge Evaluation Center in Hawthorne, NY and, finally, to the stellar list of 31 Chairman's Trophy winners for 2019.

Led by Founder and Judging Chairman **F. Paul Pacult**, fourteen of the world's foremost wine experts, buyers, educators, and journalists convened in May to evaluate more than 1,100+ still, sparkling and fortified wines, ciders and sakes from around the world.

This extraordinary group of world-class judges included **Kristen Wolfe Bieler**, journalist; **James Conley**, wine buyer; **Vitalii Dascaluic**, sommelier and wine educator; **Doug Frost**, Master Sommelier, Master of Wine, journalist and consultant; **Tim Gagnon**, writer and consultant; **Tracy Ellen Kamens**, consultant and educator; **Sean Kirby**, beverage and restaurant consultant; **Danny Klein**, consultant, educator; **Tess Rose Lampert**, wine educator; **John Rankin**, consultant and writer;

Patricia Savoie, wine journalist; **Rick Schofield**, CWE, consultant; **Francis Schott**, restaurateur and buyer; **Paul Tanguay**, buyer and consultant, and **F. Paul Pacult**.

Under the strict tenets of UWC's rules of service, all entries are served without the judges knowing anything about the wines except for their category.

In order to insure complete fairness, no labels are seen, no producer identities are revealed, and no prices are divulged to the judges. All wines are judged in appropriate glassware at the proper temperature and are grouped for the judges into small flights of 2-8 wines matching like-with-like in terms of grape type, region and price.

Said Judging Chairman F. Paul Pacult, "Assessing with care and precision an international field of 1,100+ wine and sake submissions takes a herculean effort of total dedication from UWC's exemplary teams of judges and back-of-house. Each succeeding year's growth in entries from producers making wine, cider and sake on five continents points to their belief in UWC's complete commitment to impartial methodology and uncompromising integrity. Everything we do, each system we've installed, is geared to a sole purpose: to showcase every entry's virtues in its peer group." Full results can be found at: ultimate-beverage.com/uwc2019results.

The names of top scoring wines, ciders, and sakes will be published in the **Ultimate Beverage Challenge 2019 Guide to the World's Best Wines & Spirits** in the October 2019 issue of selected Beverage Network Publications. Over 70,000 licensed buyers in the top beverage alcohol markets in the U.S. receive this Guide.



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CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY 2019 WINNERS

CHAMPAGNE/ SPARKLING WINE

Cava-Spain

Vallformosa Col lecció Brut Reserva 2012 Cava, Spain

Champagne-France

Moët & Chandon Grand Vintage 2012 Extra Brut Rosé Champagne, France

Prosecco-Italy

Mionetto Prestige Brut Prosecco Trevis, Italy

Sparkling Wine-USA

J Vineyards Cuvée 20 Russian River Valley, United States

Sparkling Wine-World

Chapel Down Three Graces 2014 Tenterden, England

WHITE WINE

Chardonnay-World

SIMI Reserve Chardonnay 2016 Russian River Valley, United States

Pinot Grigio/Pinot Gris-World

Ron Rubin Pinot Gris 2017 Russian River Valley, United States

Riesling-World

Pacifica Evan's Collection Riesling 2017 Washington, United States

Sauvignon Blanc-World

Kim Crawford Signature Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2017 Marlborough, New Zealand

White Wine-France

La Perrière 2018 Sancerre, France

White Wine-Portugal

Aluado Chardonnay 2018 Lisboa Vinho Regional, Portugal

White Wine-Spain

Protos Verdejo 2018 Rueda, Spain

ROSÉ WINE

Rosé-Europe

Secret de Léoube 2018 Côtes de Provence, France

Rosé-North America

Three Thieves Rosé 2018 California, United States

RED WINE

Cabernet Sauvignon-World

Louis M. Martini Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Alexander Valley, United States

Malbec-World

Frey Organic Malbec 2016 Mendocino, United States

Merlot-World

Alexander Valley Vineyards Merlot 2016 Alexander Valley, United States

Other Red Varietals-World

William Fèvre Chile Espino Reserva Especial Carménère 2017 Valle Central, Chile

Pinot Noir-World

Sonoma-Cutrer Pinot Noir 2016 Russian River Valley, United States

Red Blends-North America

J. Lohr Cuvée ST. E 2015 Paso Robles, United States

Red Blends-Southern Hemisphere

Topografia Reserva Red Blend 2014 Uco Valley, Argentina

Red Wine-Eastern Mediterranean

Shiloh Legend Fiddler 2016 Judean Hills, Israel

Red Wine-France

Château La Haye Majesté 2016 Saint-Estèphe, France

Red Wine-Italy

Villa La Pagliaia 2014 Chianti Classico Riserva, Italy

Red Wine-Portugal

Joana da Cana Reserva 2016 Tejo, Portugal

Red Wine-Spain

Fernández de Piérola Gran Reserva 2004 Rioja, Spain

Shiraz/Syrah-World

McGuigan Hand Made Shiraz 2015 Langhorne Creek, Australia

Zinfandel-USA

Gallo Signature Series Zinfandel 2016 Dry Creek Valley, United States

DESSERT WINE

Dessert Wine-World

The Hare Wine Co. Frontier Collection Cabernet Franc Icewine 2017 Niagara-On-The-Lake, Canada

SAKE

Junmai Ginjo-World

Joto Junmai Ginjo Ibaraki, Japan

SANGRIA

Sangria-World

Tiki Tonga Draft House Tropical White, Spain