

Turkish Wine Challenge® - (TWC), Turkey's first and only wine competition with international standards, took place on 17th May 2023 at 67 Pall Mall, London, UK. The third edition of TWC was successfully delivered by expert jury of 15 members hailing from the UK, the USA, Ireland, Australia, Turkey, Hong Kong, Canada and Georgia.

Turkish and Georgian wines won most of the awards in this year's competition. North Macedonia participated for the first time. The medal achievements were determined by blind tasting, which was carried out only with the knowledge of the residual sugar and the vintage. The members of the jury were 3 female to 1 male ratio keeping the tradition of female representation more.

77 wines won a medal in the competition. This year, 6 Grand Gold, 50 Gold and 21 Silver medals were awarded. Turkey was awarded with 57 medals, Georgia with 12 medals and Lebanon with 5 medals, being the top three countries in the medal ranking.

The "**TWC 2023 Best White**" was awarded to **Hus, Emir 2021**, Turkey. This wine also was the highest-scoring wine receiving the "**TWC 2023 Trophy**" award. Mor Salkim of Bodrum, Turkey won the "**TWC 2023 Best Rose**" award with **Mor Salkim Vivace Syrah Blush 2022**. The North Macedonia entry Chateau Kamnik won the "**TWC 2023 Best Red**" award with **Kamnik Cuvee de Prestige 2020**. This wine also won the "**TWC 2023 Best Wine for Turkey**" award signalling a desire to be imported to Turkey. **Doluca Tuğra Öküzgözü 2019** won a Grand Gold medal and "**TWC 2023 Best Wine for the Balkans**" award. **Kuzubağ Öküzgözü Shiraz, 2021** won "**TWC 2023 Best Wine for the UK/Ireland**" award.

Jury member and panel chair Kathleen Smith DipWSET said "This was my third year participating at TWC and it was another successful year judging exciting array of top quality wines. Our panel was delighted to grant three Grand Gold medals. A big thank you to all of the organisers and the founder for organising an impeccable competition"

Further details of all medal winning wines of TWC2023 can be found at www.turkishwinechallenge.org

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About: Turkish Wine Challenge® is an international wine competition held by London-based Sonvino Ltd. The competition awards only Grand Gold, Gold and Silver medals with blind tasting to 100 point based scores.