

## **RESULTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL WINE CONTEST “BLACK SEA WINES 2018”**

The results of the International Wine Contest [“Black Sea Wines 2018”](#) were announced during the closing ceremony of the [V Black Sea Winemaking Forum](#) on **29 June 2018** in the hall with the symbolic name “*Dionysus*” in the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Varna – Golden Sands.

The Contest is traditionally popular among the winemakers of the region. It was held on the sidelines of the V Black Sea Winemaking Forum in Varna (Bulgaria) on 24-26 June 2018.

The producers of the wines and spirituous beverages of vitivinicultural origin competed for the awards in accordance with the OIV (International Organization of Vine and Wine) standards; the sum of all the medals awarded to the samples did not exceed 30% of the total of samples presented at the category. The Contest was held in 11 categories and in 2 special nominations.

The Degustation Commission of the Contest consisted of the leading experts from the countries of the region: Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Moldova, Georgia, Greece, Russia, Turkey.

302 samples from 48 companies were submitted to the Contest from 13 countries: Balkans, Caucasus, Russia. 84 medals were awarded.

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#### ***Still White Wines, The Vintage 2016 or Younger***

THE BEST Côte du Danube Sauvignon Blanc 2017, Burgozone, Bulgaria  
GOLD GP Golden Rhythm Chardonnay 2016, Black Sea Gold Pomorie, Bulgaria  
GOLD Kutjevo Graševina High Quality 2017, Kutjevo, Croatia  
GOLD Rigid Elm Chardonnay 2016, Wine Union-Nissovo, Bulgaria  
GOLD Sauvignon 2016, Tiraspol Winery and Distillery KVINT, Moldova  
GOLD LS Chardonnay 2017, Lovico Lozari, Bulgaria  
GOLD Château Burgozone Chardonnay 2017, Burgozone, Bulgaria  
GOLD Traminer Targovishte 2017, LVK-Vinprom, Bulgaria  
GOLD Château Burgozone Viognier 2017, Burgozone, Bulgaria  
GOLD Rkatsiteli 2017, Vinprom Ludogorie, Bulgaria  
GOLD Nissovo Muscat 2017, Wine Union-Nissovo, Bulgaria  
GOLD Sauvignon Blanc 2017, DK-Intertrade (Dionis Group), Moldova  
GOLD Tamianka 2017, Kaynardzha Winery, Bulgaria  
GOLD Viorica 2016, Tiraspol Winery and Distillery KVINT, Moldova  
GOLD Sauvignon Blanc 2017, Griffin Ivančić, Croatia

GOLD Alb de Onițcani Classic 2017, Tartcomvin, Moldova  
SILVER Chardonnay Limited 2016, Tartcomvin, Moldova

### ***Still White Wines, The Vintage 2015 or Older***

THE BEST Vera Terra Chardonnay 2015, Black Sea Gold Pomorie, Bulgaria  
GOLD Chardonnay Barrel Aged 2015, Salla Estate, Bulgaria  
GOLD Anguri 2012, Qimerioni, Georgia  
SILVER Alaverdi Tradition 2014, Badagoni, Georgia

### ***Still Red Wines, The Vintage 2016 or Younger***

THE BEST Mukuzani 2016, Georgian Wine House, Georgia  
GOLD Dissan Barrique 2016, Bovin Winery, Macedonia  
GOLD Côte du Danube Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, Burgozone, Bulgaria  
GOLD Orbelus 2016, Orbelus Organic Winery, Bulgaria  
GOLD Merlot Special Reserve Stamp Collection 2016, Black Sea Gold Pomorie, Bulgaria  
GOLD Cabernet Tamanskaya Marka 2016, Kubanskaya Loza Russia  
GOLD Rigid Elm Mavrud 2016, Wine Union-Nissovo, Bulgaria  
GOLD Horse Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, Wine Union-Nissovo, Bulgaria  
SILVER Côte du Danube Merlot & Cabernet 2016, Burgozone Bulgaria

### ***Still Red Wines, The Vintage 2015 or Older***

THE BEST A'gupka 2012, Bovin Winery, Macedonia  
GOLD Saperavi Kartuli Vazi 2005, Tifliski Vini Pogreb, Georgia  
GOLD Dom Zaharinyh 2014, Dom Zaharinyh, Russia  
GOLD Bugeac Merlo 2009, Tomai Vinex, Moldova  
GOLD Rigid Elm Barrel Reserve 2014, Wine Union-Nissovo, Bulgaria  
GOLD Korlat Syrah 2014, Badel 1862, Croatia  
GOLD Bugeac Cabernet 2009, Tomai Vinex, Moldova  
GOLD Cabernet Sauvignon Baqqal Su 2015, Dom Zaharinyh, Russia  
GOLD Alaverdi Tradition 2013, Badagoni, Georgia  
GOLD Cabernet Sauvignon 2010, Kaynardzha Winery, Bulgaria  
GOLD Mukuzani Kartuli Vazi 2014, Tifliski Vini Pogreb, Georgia  
GOLD Suvla Reserve 2015, Suvla, Turkey  
GOLD Ashta Lasha 2015, Wines and Beverages of Abkhazia

SILVER Emperor 2015, Bovin Winery, Macedonia  
SILVER Atauad Gumista Ashta 2015, Wines and Beverages of Abkhazia  
SILVER Château Teleki Villányi Franc 2015, Csányi Winery, Hungary

### ***Rosé Wines***

THE BEST Salty Hills Rose 2017, Black Sea Gold Pomorie, Bulgaria  
GOLD Kutjevo Rose 2017, Kutjevo, Croatia  
GOLD 242 Rose 2017, Tiraspol Winery and Distillery KVINT, Moldova  
GOLD Pentagram Rose Syrah 2017, Black Sea Gold Pomorie, Bulgaria  
SILVER Gumista Ashta 2017, Wines and Beverages of Abkhazia  
SILVER Côte du Danube Rose 2017, Burgozone, Bulgaria

### ***Sparkling Wines, Classical Method***

THE BEST Griffin Brut, Griffin Ivančić, Croatia  
THE BEST Novy Svet Pinot Gris Millesime, Novy Svet, Russia  
GOLD Griffin Dark Side, Griffin Ivančić, Croatia  
GOLD Griffin Zero, Griffin Ivančić, Croatia

### ***Sparkling Wines, Reservoir Method***

THE BEST Rosu de Nisporeni 2016, DK-Intertrade (Dionis Group), Moldova  
GOLD Balaklava Brut Rose Reserve, Zolotaya Balka, Russia  
GOLD Kokur Brut 2017, Dom Zaharinyh, Russia  
GOLD Kuban Novorossiysk Semi-dry Pink Myshako 2017 Myskhako, Russia  
SILVER Balaklava Brut Reserve, Zolotaya Balka, Russia  
SILVER Kuban Novorossiysk Brut White Myshako 2017, Myskhako, Russia

### ***Naturally Sweet and Naturally Semi-Sweet Wines***

THE BEST Traminer selective berry of dried berries 2015, OPG Đurinski, Croatia  
GOLD Traminer Ice Wine 2012, OPG Đurinski, Croatia  
GOLD Graševina selective berry of dried berries 2015, OPG Đurinski, Croatia  
GOLD Traminac selected berry harvest 2015, Iločki Podrumi, Croatia  
SILVER Kindzmarauli Alexandrov Wine Collection 2017, Georgian Wine House, Georgia  
SILVER Kindzmarauli Kartuli Vazi 2017, Tifliski Vini Pogreb, Georgia

### ***Liqueur (Fortified) Wines***

THE BEST Kagor Pastoral 2016, DK-Intertrade (Dionis Group), Moldova  
GOLD Kagor Blagovest 2016, Black Sea Gold Pomorie, Bulgaria

### ***Spirituos Beverages of Vitivinicultural Origin aged less than 6 years***

THE BEST SILVER Rakia Burgas 63 Special Selection - 20th Anniversary, Black Sea Gold Pomorie, Bulgaria  
SILVER Brandy "Araget" 3 years, Arcon Trade, Armenia  
SILVER Anniversary Muscat Brandy 5 years, LVK-Vinprom, Bulgaria  
SILVER Chacha Oak Fusion, Bolero & Company, Georgia

### ***Spirituos Beverages of Vitivinicultural Origin aged at least 6 years***

THE BEST Brandy "Tsar Tigran" 30 years, Great Valley, Armenia  
GOLD Brandy "Bagration" 20 years, Kizlyar Brandy Factory, Russia  
GOLD Brandy "Petr Velikiy" 25 years, Kizlyar Brandy Factory, Russia  
GOLD Brandy "Tsar Tigran" 25 years, Great Valley, Armenia  
GOLD Brandy "Arjevan" 25 years, Arcon Trade, Armenia  
GOLD Brandy "Russia" 15 years, Kizlyar Brandy Factory, Russia  
GOLD Divin KVINT aged 14 years, Tiraspol Winery and Distillery KVINT, Moldova

### ***The Breakthrough of the Year***

GOLD Salla Estate, Bulgaria

This special nomination award is presented to the newly established company (no more than 10 years), which takes part in the Black Sea Wines contest for the first time

### ***The Choice of Customers***

GOLD Badagoni, Georgia

SILVER Georgian Wine House, Georgia

This special nomination award is presented to the company according to the following formula: total score of the three best wines of the company, submitted to the Black Sea Wines contest, multiplied by the number of liters of these wines sold and divided by the sum of the EW prices of these wines

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