

# Press Information

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## VINALIES INTERNATIONALES 2007 AWARDS

France's only wine, sparkling wine and spirits competition accredited by the Fédération Mondiale des Grands Concours Internationaux

- ◆ *Vinalies Internationales* Trophies in the following categories: Red Wine
  - Portugal, DOC Douro, Quinta do Vale da Perdiz « Cistus grande reserva » 2004
- ◆ *Vinalies Internationales* Trophies in the following categories: Rosé Wine
  - France, AOC Côtes-de-Provence, Vignoble Jérôme Quiot, Domaine Houchart 2006
- ◆ *Vinalies Internationales* Trophies in the following categories: Dry White Wine
  - Grèce, OPAP Santorin, Domaine Sigalas SA « fermentation and aging in oak barrel » 2003
- ◆ *Vinalies Internationales* Trophies in the following categories: Sweet Wine
  - Espagne, DO Montilla-Moriles, Bodegas Robles SA « Selección Robles Pedro Ximenez » 1927
- ◆ *Vinalies Internationales* Trophies in the following categories : Liqueur Wine
  - France, AOC Banyuls Grand Cru, SIVIR 1998
- ◆ *Vinalies Internationales* Trophies in the following categories: Sparkling Wine
  - France, AOC Champagne, Champagne Nicolas Feuillatte « Grand Cru Cramant » 1996
- ◆ *Vinalies Internationales* Trophies in the following categories: Eaux-de-vie
  - Pérou, DOCPisco, Agricola Vina Vieja Vina Santa Isabel S.A.C.
    - « 'Pisco Vargas casa fundada 1885 puro de ica »

◆ **Awards:** Gold and Silver Vinalies

Available on the website [www.vinalies-internationales.fr](http://www.vinalies-internationales.fr)

### VINALIES INTERNATIONALES: the world of wine tastes the wines of the world!

Created and organised by the Union des Œnologues de France professional syndicate, this 5-day event held in a grand Paris hotel brought together 125 expert tasters from all over the world (Russia, Hungary, Chile, USA etc. and France, representing 35 different nationalities - a first!) to "qualify" the 2,850 samples of still, sparkling, liqueur wines and eaux-de-vie from 38 different countries.

At the closing ceremony of this 13<sup>th</sup> edition, Thierry Gasco, the President of the Union des Œnologues de France, commented: "I am delighted to see how profitable this new edition has been, and for several reasons. The first reason is because prizes have rewarded many winegrowing regions that have undergone profound reorganisation of the winegrowing heritage. The second is that this wine-tasting has been a powerful symbol of just how universal wine is, "blending" different nationalities without language or cultural barriers. The third is the honour of seeing French wines reach the podium in the Sparkling, Rosé and Liqueur categories".

Thierry Gasco also paid particular tribute to the winner of the Liqueur wine category, *Bodegas Robles SA*, the first in the history of *Vinalies Internationales* to earn the highest possible score of 100/100 with its *Pedro Ximenez 1927*.

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