Emozioni dal Mondo
Merlot e Cabernet insieme

from 16 to 18 October 2025 - Bergamo

REGULATIONS

International Competition
Emozioni dal Mondo: Merlot e Cabernet Insieme

21st Edition

Art. 1 Organization
The Vignaioli Bergamaschi S.C.A., with the sponsorship of the Organisation Internationale de la Vigne et du Vin (Oiv) and with the scientific collaboration of the Wine tasters Study Center and of a Good Senses, organizes the 21st International Competition "**Emozioni dal Mondo: Merlot e Cabernet Insieme**" that will be held in Bergamo on 16 - 18 October 2025.

Art. 2 Objectives
The 21st International Competition "**Emozioni dal Mondo: Merlot e Cabernet Insieme**" aims at:
1. creating a competition between wines from the entire world coming from these vine varieties so as to highlight their characteristics and study interactions with their environment and with the enological technologies employed,
2. highlighting excellent quality products, specifying, to consumers, the best products existing on the market from these fashionable vine varieties, widely cultivated on a worldwide level,
3. stimulating producers to pursue quality in its most modern meaning, that of satisfying consumers.

Art. 3 Requirements for participation
Only lots of wine produced in minimum quantities of at least 1,000 bottles of the capacities specified in art. 8, point 4, may participate in the competition. Wines may be enrolled by all types of firms as long as they are bottled and are produced from Merlot and/or Cabernet grapes, or from crossings including Merlot and/or Cabernet Sauvignon or Cabernet Franc grapes and carrying, on their labels, the related names and/or belonging to controlled origin brands where it is mandatory the presence of only one or both the above-mentioned varieties, in a minimum percentage content of 60%. Wines will not be admitted to the competition when they come from individual or associated producers against whom a final judgement has been delivered during legal proceedings for fraud or adulteration.

Art. 4 Classification of the wines
The 21st International Competition is reserved for the following categories of wines:

- still dry wines Merlot and/or Cabernet or crossings of Merlot and/or Cabernet Sauvignon or Cabernet Franc;
- sparkling wines Merlot and/or Cabernet or crossings of Merlot and/or Cabernet Sauvignon or Cabernet Franc;
- sweet and liqueur wines Merlot and/or Cabernet or crossings of Merlot and/or Cabernet Sauvignon or Cabernet Franc.

The definitions of the European Union or the producing nation shall apply for the purposes of classifying and checking the above-mentioned designations.
The Organization reserves the right to modify categories depending on the number of participating samples.

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Art. 5 Organizing Committee
The Organizing Committee is appointed by the Vignaioli Bergamaschi S.C.A. from among its own board members and technicians. The Organizing Committee shall avail itself of a public official to oversee the correctness of all procedures required by these regulations and, in particular, for rendering samples anonymous.

Art. 6 Scientific Committee
The Scientific Committee is composed of representatives from the following organizations:
- Vignaioli Bergamaschi S.C.A.,
- Consorzio Tutela Valcalepio,
- Wine tasters Study Center,
- Good Senses.

Art. 7 Presidiums
The presidiums, in accordance with Oiv regulations relating to the organization of enological competitions, shall be composed of members of the Scientific Committee and/or of persons selected by this same organization among persons suitable for performing the task.

Art. 8 Enrollment procedures
Firms which intend participating in the International Competition must send, to Vignaioli Bergamaschi S.C.A., via Bergamo, 10 – 24060 San Paolo d'Argon – Italy, by **30 September 2025**:

1. application for participation according to attachment A, which can be downloaded from the site, fully filled out;
2. bank transfer (attach copy) for € 100.00 (one hundred) for each reference presented made out to: Vignaioli Bergamaschi S.C.A., via Bergamo, 10 – 24060 San Paolo D'Argon (BG) – Italy, lodging bank Banca Intesa Sanpaolo – Branch: Gorlago (Italy), IBAN code: IT13X0306953090100000003079, SWIFT (BIC) code: BCITITMM, specifying that it is a fee for organizational expenses for a non-profit event;
3. 1 front and back label identical to those of the wine presented at the International Competition, in a closed envelope;
4. 6 bottles from the same lot, capacity 0.75 liters – or, as an alternative and for dessert wines only 6 bottles with 0.375 liter capacities. The wine carton must clearly mention: Non-commercial sample sent for the 21st International Competition "**Emozioni dal Mondo: Merlot e Cabernet Insieme**";
5. sampling report, drawn up on a specific form in accordance with the procedures enacted in the nation where the entrant has its registered office. The entrant undertakes to permit access to its own premises to personnel assigned the task of taking samples;
6. test certificate, issued even by the cellars laboratory, containing, at the very least, the following parameters:

- alcohol title at 20 C;
- sugar content;
- total acidity in g/l expressed in tartaric or sulfuric acid;
- volatile acidity, ppm;
- total sulfur dioxide;
- total free sulfur dioxide;
- pressure if the wine is sparkling.

The certificate must mention the name of the Entrant presenting the wine and the participating wine with all data necessary for identifying the sample.
For controlled origin wines the Entrant must submit the statement from the relevant authority certifying the name and origin of the wine.
The Organizing Committee reserves the right to make its own comparison and control tests.

Art. 9 Liability
The organizers decline all liability in case of any delay in delivery of samples with respect to the established date, for partial or total loss of samples during shipment or for the state of preservation of the samples. All costs related to delivery of the samples are to be totally sustained by the entrants.

Art. 10 Receipt of samples
From the moment they are received, all samples participating in the International Competition shall be preserved in compliance with proper oenological techniques.
Samples of wine, before they are submitted to commissions for testing, shall be rendered anonymous using two special codes:
- the first assigned to the sample by the organization at the time of delivery;
- the second assigned by a public official formally appointed by the Organizing Agency before submitting the sample to the tasting commissions.

Art. 11 Rating
Rating of samples shall take place in Bergamo on the 17 October 2025 by special commissions composed of no less than five members – oenologists, oenotechnicians, sensorialists, professional tasters, sommeliers and oenogastronomic jounalists - the majority of whom must be of foreign origin and technical background in accordance with the provisions of Ministerial Decree of 16th December, 2010: Discipline of wine competitions art. 6, points 1), 2), 3) and 4).
The Commissions shall judge samples based on the rating method of the Union Internationale des Oenologues as established by Ministerial Decree of 16th December, 2010: Discipline of wine competitions art. 6, point 9). Rating shall be expressed independently by each member and final score shall be calculated as provided by the aforementioned regulations. Judgements by commissions are final.

Art. 12 Secrecy
The Organizing Committee, to safeguard the prestige of Entrants, shall only publish the list of prize-winning wines and not the whole list nor the names of Entrants nor the score assigned to the individual samples.

Art. 13 Recognition and awards
Minimum score for awarding honors is 80/100 points as established by Ministerial Decree of 16th December, 2010: Discipline of wine competitions, art. 6 point 7).
The percentage of foreign samples admitted to the Competition must be at least of 20%, as established by the Ministerial Decree of 16th December, 2010 art. 3 point 2).
The final result for each wine is calculated by the arithmetic mean of individual judgements after eliminating the highest and the lowest score as established by Ministerial Decree of 16th December, 2010: Discipline of wine competitions, art. 6, point 11).
Based on the score achieved and on what was set forth by O.I.V. regulations, all wines of each category shall be awarded ex-aequo, respecting the 30% limit set by the O.I.V., with the following honors:
- Grand Gold Medal: score of at least 93/100 points
- Gold Medal: score of at least 89/100 points
- Silver Medal: score of at least 85/100 points, and shall be recognized with the following honor "21st International Competition **Emozioni dal Mondo: Merlot e Cabernet Insieme**".

Proclamation of the winners shall take place on the 18 October 2025 in Bergamo during a specific ceremony and shall subsequently be published on the site www.emozionidalmondo.it

Art. 14 Inspections
The winners of the International Competition must permit inspections and any taking of samples in their own cellars by the Organizing Committee or its appointees.
All honors assigned to them (during the awards ceremony) shall be invalidated whenever they have not fully complied with the Regulations.

Art. 15 Court of jurisdiction and modifications to the regulations
The Court of Bergamo shall have jurisdiction over all disputes. These regulations may undergo variations subject to explicit request by relevant Authorities or for organizational requirements.