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EMOZIONI DAL MONDO: MERLOT AND CABERNET TAKE CENTRE STAGE IN BERGAMO

15–17 October 2026 | Villa di Serio, Bergamo, Italy

From **15 to 17 October 2026**, Bergamo will once again become an international meeting point for **Merlot, Cabernet and their blends**, as the **22nd edition of the International Wine Competition «Emozioni dal Mondo Merlot e Cabernet Insieme»** gets underway.

For more than two decades, the competition has brought together wines, producers, international wine professionals and journalists in the Bergamo area, creating a unique encounter between an international outlook and a very local sense of place.

The event is organised by **Vignaioli Bergamaschi**, with the support of long-standing partners including **Consorzio Tutela Valcalepio**, **Good Senses** and the **Bergamo Chamber of Commerce**.

A new home for the 2026 edition

Every year, Emozioni dal Mondo chooses a different setting for its international judging panels. In 2026, the competition moves to **Villa di Serio**.

Villa Carrara, home of the Municipality, will host all the events scheduled for **Saturday 17th October**.

The morning will focus on one of the most pressing issues for wine world today: **how to sell wine in a market that is changing faster than ever**.

From **9 am to 12**, the **Sala delle Carrozze** will host the round table **«Desperately seeking ... Wine Sales.»**

“We were among the first to talk openly about the wine crisis, two years ago,” says **Sergio Cantoni**, winemaker and president of Vignaioli Bergamaschi. “At the time, many people questioned whether the crisis was even real. Today, nobody doubts that the sector is facing a serious challenge. What is still missing is the courage to address it honestly.”

The round table will bring together professionals with different backgrounds and expertise to examine the structural and long-term nature of the crisis, assess its impact and, above all, discuss **realistic solutions rather than wishful thinking**.

Wine, people and stories

From **3 pm to 6 pm**, the **Tinaia in Villa Carrara** will open to the public for a free tasting of the **awarded wines of the 22nd edition of «Emozioni dal Mondo Merlot e Cabernet Insieme.»**

Alongside the competition wines, **Emozioni di Valcalepio** will give visitors the opportunity to meet local producers, taste wines from **Valcalepio DOC** and **Terre del Colлеoni DOC**, discover the stories behind the wineries and hear first-hand about the **2026 harvest**.

Because wine is never just what is in the glass.

Behind every bottle there is a vineyard, a winery, a person, a harvest — and usually a story worth telling.

Getting the temperature right

The 2026 edition also comes with a few changes designed to improve the judging experience.

One question has been quietly nagging wine competitions for years: **at what temperature are wines actually served during international judging?**

The honest answer? **Not always at the right one.**

So this year, Vignaioli Bergamaschi is doing something about it.



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With the support of **Nevada**, the competition will use professional refrigerated wine coolers to ensure that each sample is served at the most appropriate tasting temperature, giving international judges — and the producers who submitted their wines — the best possible conditions for evaluation.

Because if you are going to judge wine, you might as well do it at the right temperature.

From wineries to workshops

Emozioni dal Mondo has never been about putting wine in a box.

The 2026 edition will once again take the competition into unexpected settings, with the international judging panels hosted at the **OMCN** factory — a location far removed from the traditional image of a wine tasting room.

The setting is unconventional. The competition itself is anything but ordinary: **Emozioni dal Mondo is the only international competition dedicated to Merlot and Cabernet Wines officially recognised by the OIV (International Organisation of Vine and Wine) worldwide.**

Young people at the heart of the event

Another key element of the 2026 edition is the involvement of young people from the Bergamo area.

The long-standing partnership with **IS San Pellegrino Terme** will once again give students the opportunity to take part in the competition, experiencing an international wine event from the inside.

Their role will include one of the most important — and demanding — tasks of all: **serving the competition wines to the international judging panels.**

Young people will also be at the centre of the cultural programme in Villa di Serio. The local organisation **Traiettorie Itineranti** has developed a tourism training project specifically for young people from the area, who will lead the cultural tours scheduled for Friday afternoon.

The programme will also include activities involving the competition's technical partners, such as a visit to the **SIAD** production facility in Osio Sopra and a particularly unusual tasting organised by **AEB GROUP**.

50 years of Valcalepio DOC

And then there is the birthday.

2026 marks 50 years since the first Bergamo DOC was established.

The wine at the heart of this anniversary is **Valcalepio**, the local DOC and the host wine of Emozioni dal Mondo.

Half a century of history is worth celebrating — and the 2026 edition will provide plenty of opportunities to do just that.

Three days, one global wine conversation

From **15 to 17 October**, wines from around the world will arrive in Villa di Serio.

International judges will taste them, compare them and evaluate them. Young people will work alongside wine professionals. The public will meet local producers and taste the awarded wines. The Valcalepio DOC will celebrate 50 years.

And, this time, someone will make absolutely sure the wine is served at the right temperature.

That is **Emozioni dal Mondo**.

International in scope. Bergamasco at heart.