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# The Top 50 wines of 2023: Decanter World Wine Award's 'Best of the Best'

'Best in Show' is a coveted accolade – awarded to a seldom few wines annually at Decanter World Wine Awards. Discover the outstanding wines that have made this year's list.



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**Decanter World Wine Awards** judging was described as the Olympics of the wine world, 'but you don't know who's actually in the race', commented long-time judge **Gerd Stepp**.

When it comes to Best in Show judging, all of the competition's best wines – the **Platinum medal** winners – are re-tasted for a fourth time to determine the best of the best.

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Always judged blind, this re-tasting comprises of 97-point wines only, so selecting a Top 50 is no mean feat. To the Olympics analogy, this round of judging is the competitive finals, and there are only 50 top seats out of the 18,250 wines judged. As a percentage, that's a mere 0.27%.

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The competition's **four co-chairs** determine this final round, with DWWA's judging principles of discussion and deliberation exemplified fourfold as they taste and consider the merits of the competition's highest scoring wines.

'Best in Show is really taking a couple hundred Platinums and saying, "*really, where does this wine excel amongst the Platinums?*", which is a pretty tough choice to make,' said co-chair **Ronan Sayburn MS**.

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'So it's where the winemaker showed certain restraint, made wines that are very elegant and refined without being too garish; or sometimes its really just about balance and finesse. Only the best make it through,' he added.

'We're really looking at every wine without any of the noise around the label, the reputation, the expectation,' said co-chair **Michael Hill Smith MW**.

Judges and producers alike are none the wiser on which wines have been awarded in the competition's Top 50 selection until **results are announced**, making the Best in Show all the more exciting to unveil.

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## Best in Show: The top 50 wines of DWWA 2023

### Italy

- **Damilano**, Lecinquevigne, Barolo, Piedmont 2019
- **Fattoria Villa Saletta**, 980 AD, Toscana, Tuscany 2018
- **Mastrojanni**, Vigna Loreto, Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany 2018
- **Mecori**, Duo, Etna, Sicily 2021
- **Paolo Manzone**, Meriame, Barolo, Piedmont 2019
- **Ruffino**, Romitorio Di Santedame, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione, Tuscany 2019
- **Vigneti Villabella**, Fracastoro, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva, Veneto 2012