

# **International Contest Regulations of the International SPIRITS Contest 2024**

## **ARTICLE 1. ORGANISER**

The CINVE International Spirits Contest – CINVE, is organised by the company INVERSIONES SOBRECASES, S.L. (InsocFerial)

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## **ARTICLE 2. SCOPE**

- The contest is open to the participation of all bottled and labelled spirits, whether from Spanish companies or worldwide, which meet the terms and conditions described in these Regulations to compete for the prizes awarded at the CINVE International Spirits Contest.
- Spirits samples submitted must comply with the terms and conditions established in EU legislation.
- Likewise, their labelling, especially with regard to the use of “Denominations of Origin” or geographical names, must comply with Regulation (EC) 479/08 and/ or complementary legislation.
- The bottles shall be presented with a complete and valid label and in compliance with the legislation of the country of origin; this will be verified at the moment of classification, when the data in the registration shall be compared with the label on the sample.
- They should come from a homogeneous batch with a minimum volume of 5 HI (500 litres).
- They must be bottled or packaged in containers with a volume of two (2) 0.75 litre bottles.

## **ARTICLE 3. OBJECTIVES**

The main objectives of the contest are:

- The promotion of quality spirits.
- The promotion of production and sensible consumption.
- To publicise the typical features of spirits produced in different countries, as well as being a showcase for the latest trends in consumption.
- To help consumers select the best spirits from producers worldwide through the prizes awarded and create a label to distinguish them, thus facilitating consumer choice, which is ever more difficult due to the extensive offers on the market.

## **ARTICLE 4. REGISTRATION OF ENTRIES.**

Each entry shall be registered by a corresponding entry form duly completed by the company, or a person authorised by them, on the official website of the contest:

[www.cinvegroup.org](http://www.cinvegroup.org)

This registration will provide the following information:

**1) Details of the company:**

- a) CIF (Fiscal ID No.)
- b) Postal address
- c) Telephone number
- d) Email address and website
- e) Details of the person responsible for the registration.

**2) Characteristics of the product:**

- a) Country of origin
- b) Brand
- c) If it has a Denomination of Origin or any other quality specification according to the regulations of the country of origin
- 3) Main grape varieties used for making the spirit, if applicable, or other products used.
- 4) Vintage
- 5) Stock
- 6) Price

**7) Category**

The company representative will be responsible for the truthfulness of the data submitted in the registration and for complying with the rules and regulations contained herein.

**ARTICLE 5. CATEGORIES**

Categories are established according to the raw material used, and the list of categories is available on the official website of the contest: [www.cinvegroup.org](http://www.cinvegroup.org)

**ARTICLE 6. FEES AND MODES OF PAYMENT**

The official fees for participating in the contest per sample are the following:

**General Rate: € 150.00** (Taxes NOT included)

**Reduced Rate: € 140.00** for more than four samples (Taxes NOT included)

Payment may be made as follows:

- 1) **By credit card**, when making the registration
- 2) **By PAYPAL** (previously requesting the PAYPAL invoice, a 4% surcharge will be applied)
- 3) **By bank transfer** to the bank account number indicated on the corresponding invoice.

**Payment must be made at the same time as registration. Samples will not participate in the contest if payment is not received in due time.**

**ARTICLE 7. SENDING THE SAMPLES**

It is necessary to send two (2) bottles of each sample registered in the contest. The samples must arrive within the deadline established by the organisation. The location and delivery deadlines will be published in due time.

**If you are sending samples from outside the European Union:**

- A proforma invoice must be included detailing the number of bottles per type, net weight of contents and total weight by type.

- To avoid possible customs charges, please attach the following label: “**MUESTRAS SIN VALOR COMERCIAL – Concurso Internacional de Vinos y Espirituosos-CINVE**” (SAMPLES WITH NO COMMERCIAL VALUE – CINVE International Wine & Spirits Contest) to the sample package.
- Samples will be sent with all transport delivery and customs expenses (if applicable) paid.
- The contest organisation will not be responsible for collecting samples from customs offices if any expenses are pending payment.
- All delivery costs, taxes and transport are payable by the sender.
- The contest organisation will not pay any additional charges arising from sending the samples.
- Any samples that arrive late, are incorrectly registered or that do not correspond to the product registered will not participate in the contest and will not be returned.
- Registrations and samples received outside the deadline will not be reimbursed or returned.

#### **ARTICLE 8. CONTROLLING THE SAMPLES**

- InsocFerial, using people appointed for this purpose, will control the registration and reception of samples, as set out in Article 4.
- Once processed, each sample bottle will be covered to conceal the label and capsule and identified by a random number for the entire process, including the tasting, until the prizes are announced.
- The above will guarantee the anonymity of samples at all times.
- The organization will store the samples in a safe location with optimum temperature conditions to ensure their correct preservation.

#### **ARTICLE 9. TASTING JURY**

- A tasting jury will evaluate the samples; the number of jurors will depend on the number of samples to be tasted.
- This jury will be appointed by the Technical Management of the contest and approved by the management of CINVE; it will comprise highly qualified tasters with ample experience in national and international contests and will comply with regulations regarding international juries.
- Jurors will form tables of four or five members, distributed as follows: Two or three international jurors and a maximum of two Spanish jurors, presided by an experienced oenologist.
- At least three members of each table will be qualified technicians.

#### **ARTICLE 10. TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT**

**Technical Management of the Contest** is the responsibility of Jesús Flores Téllez, who will carry out the technical control of the contest and propose tasting jury members.

#### **ARTICLE 11. TASTING SESSIONS**

- The tasting sessions will take place on April 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- InsocFerial, in collaboration with the Management and Technical Supervision, will guarantee that the tasting is carried out in complete anonymity of the samples.

- Tasting tables will be located in a well-ventilated and illuminated quiet room.
- Temperature will be maintained between 18 and 22 ° C.
- Smoking is not allowed.
- A neighbouring room, not visible to the jurors, will be used for opening the samples and maintaining anonymity.
- The spirits will be served in the tasting room before the jurors.
- Tasting sessions will be preferably in the morning.
- Each tasting table will taste a maximum of 50 samples per session.
- Each sample will be tasted individually; there will be no comparisons.
- After the sensory analysis, tasters will write the score given in the corresponding boxes on the scoring sheet, with any observations deemed necessary.
- The President of each Jury table will electronically deliver the scores of each juror to the computer system for processing.
- The computer program will calculate the final score of each sample by mathematical average, correcting score deviations of the valid scores of the different members of each tasting table.
- The spirits will score on a 100-point scale using scoring sheets approved by the Technical Management

## **ARTICLE 12. AWARDS**

Grand Gold, Gold and Silver Medal Diplomas shall be awarded to samples achieving the following scores:

- **Silver Diploma > 85 - 89.99 points**
- **Gold Diploma > 90 - 94.99 points**
- **GRAND GOLD Diploma > 95 - 100 points**

The total number of prizes will be less than 30% of the number of samples presented.

“Gran CINVE” Awards will be given to the spirits that obtain the highest score in a second tasting or the highest score in their category.

## **ARTICLE 13. FORCE MAJEURE AND POSSIBLE CHANGES**

- The contest may be cancelled due to force majeure (e.g., epidemic, fire, flood, catastrophe, strike, terrorist attack, etc.) or any event out of the organisation’s control or considered justified due to its severity.
- In addition, the contest organization reserves the right to cancel the event, change the scheduled date, or shorten or extend its duration.
- In these cases, the organization will not be held liable, and participants will not be entitled to compensation.
- **CINVE** will not be liable for theft, loss, damage or delays in the delivery of samples.

#### **ARTICLE 14. GENERAL RULES**

- Companies that have presented samples will be informed of the prizes awarded after the tasting sessions are over.
- The results of the contest are final and not subject to appeal.
- After the tasting sessions, any remaining samples may be used by the contest organization for promotional or training events; They will not be returned to the producer or distributor.
- The above also applies if the event is cancelled due to the circumstances described in Article 13 of these Rules and Regulations.

**Participating in the contest implies express acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein.**

Any dispute will be subject to the law courts of Madrid and Spanish legislation.