

ARGENTINA CELEBRATES A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR AT DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS 2026

Argentina shines with medal haul showcasing variety and value

17 June: The Decanter World Wine Awards 2026 (DWWA) results have revealed an outstanding year for Argentina, with the country securing its greatest-ever haul of top-tier medals.

Now in its 23rd year, DWWA is recognised as the world's largest wine competition and is widely regarded as the global benchmark for wine quality, combining unrivalled judging expertise, international reach and a rigorous, transparent tasting process.

Medals awarded at DWWA range from the top-tier 50 Best in Show, then Platinum and Gold (all scoring 95+ points) followed by Silver and Bronze. This year the 50 Best in Show medals represented just 0.3% of wines tasted.

Argentina secured a total of 61 top-scoring wines, comprising one Best in Show, eight Platinum and 52 Gold medals, including one Top Value Gold. This marks the country's most successful performance to date in terms of top-awarded wines (all scoring 95+ points).

Mendoza led the way among Argentina's wine regions, earning the country's only Best in Show medal with **Rutini, Single Vineyard Malbec, Gualtallary, Tupungato 2023**. The producer received the highest accolade for the second consecutive year, following recognition for its 2021 vintage at last year's awards.

DWWA judges commented: 'Our 19th Argentinian Best in Show wine is also the sixth to emerge from Gualtallary, making this high-altitude zone with its limestone soils near Tupungato, in the vast Uco Valley, one of the most successful geographical performers at the highest levels of our competition. We loved the way this wine expressed the wild nature of Gualtallary and was at once so fresh yet so complete.'

The region also secured all eight of Argentina's Platinum medals, with producer **Gran Enemigo** claiming three for its Single Vineyard Cabernet Franc wines from Tupungato, San Carlos and Tunuyán in the Uco Valley.

Mendoza was also awarded 39 Gold medals, including 8 Value Golds, with **Sophenia Altosur Malbec, Gualtallary, Tupungato 2025** making it to the Top 35 Value Golds List, which recognises exceptional wines under £15.

In another milestone for the country, Argentina received its first-ever Gold medal for an orange wine. The award went to the 100% Torrontés **Susana**

Balbo, Blanco De Raiz Skin Contact, Paraje Altamira, Mendoza 2024, with 95 points.

Buenos Aires celebrated a landmark achievement, receiving a Gold medal for the first time with **Puerta del Abra Insólito Pinot Noir 2022**.

San Juan earned its first Gold medals since 2022 with **Callia, Criolla 2026** (95 points) and **Pyros, Signos Malbec, Pedernal Valley 2024** (95 points).

Salta received ten Gold medals, including three Value Golds. The Gold winners were predominantly red wines, with the exception of **Etchart Terroir de Altura Torrontés, Cafayate 2025**.

Elsewhere, **Patagonia** claimed eight Silver medals predominantly for red single varietal Malbec and Pinot Noir wines, and **La Rioja** earned two Value Silver medals for white wines from the region's grower-owned cooperative winery, **La Riojana**.

DWWA Regional Chair for Argentina & The Rest of South America (excluding Chile), Paz Levinson, commented: 'The wines from Argentina showed beautifully. The quality of entry-level Uco Valley Malbec impressed me so much. The passion for wine making is transcendent!'

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Notes to editors

Argentina was awarded a total of 367 medals comprising 1 Best in Show, 8 Platinum, 52 Gold, 179 Silver and 127 Bronze medals.

The following wines won Argentina's Best in Show and Platinum medals:

- Rutini, Single Vineyard Malbec, Gualtallary, Tupungato, Mendoza 2023 | *Best in Show, 97 points*
- A Corazón Abierto, Gran Corte, Mendoza 2020 | *Platinum, 97 points*
- Alta-Yarí, Gran Malbec, Gualtallary, Tupungato, Mendoza 2024 | *Platinum, 97 points*
- Gran Enemigo, Single Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Gualtallary, Tupungato, Mendoza 2022 | *Platinum, 97 points*
- Gran Enemigo, Single Vineyard Cabernet Franc, El Cepillo, San Carlos, Mendoza 2022 | *Platinum, 97 points*
- Gran Enemigo, Single Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Los Chacayes, Tunuyán, Mendoza 2022 | *Platinum, 97 points*
- La Luz, Gran Callejón Del Crimen Ánfora Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2025 | *Platinum, 97 points*

- Luigi Bosca, De Sangre Malbec, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2024 | *Platinum, 97 points*
- Trapiche, Terroir Series Laborde Cabernet Sauvignon, La Consulta, San Carlos, Mendoza 2024 | *Platinum, 97 points*

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About DWWA

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Run by Decanter, the world's leading wine media brand, DWWA benefits from a trusted global audience of both trade and consumers, setting it apart from other competitions.

Sustainability remains a key focus for DWWA, with ongoing initiatives to reduce waste. In 2026 more than 20,000 single-use plastic bags previously used for blind tasting were replaced with reusable cotton alternatives, while more than 1,000 cardboard boxes are reused annually.

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