

OPEN BALKAN WINE TROPHY 2024

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Dear Winemakers,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the **OPEN BALKAN WINE TROPHY 2024**, an international wine competition that will take place on November 20 and 21 in Belgrade as part of the Wine Vision by Open Balkan fair.

The wines will be judged by an international panel consisting of thirty renowned wine judges from around the world, chaired by **Caroline Gilby MW** from the United Kingdom, a distinguished expert on wines from Central, Southern, and Eastern Europe, as well as the chair of the panel for Balkan wines at the *Decanter WWA* competition. In addition to her, there will be at least five other holders of the *Master of Wine* and *Master Sommelier* titles on the jury. All judges are established names in the field, with experience from prestigious competitions such as Decanter WWA, IWC London, Mundus Vini, BIWC, and others. The wine jury will evaluate on a 100-point scale, using the panel judging system, which is employed at the most esteemed competitions worldwide.

Wines will compete for medals and trophies in the categories of white, red, rosé, sparkling, sweet, orange, and fortified wines, with special trophies awarded for white and red wines made from indigenous Balkan varieties. In each of the nine categories, one wine will win a Trophy and the title of best, while platinum, gold, silver, and bronze medals will also be awarded. The highest-rated wine from each country will receive the National Trophy for 2024.

The announcement of results, trophies, and medals from the Wine Trophy by Open Balkan will take place on November 23 at the Wine Vision by Open Balkan fair. Wine evaluation for winemakers from participating countries at the Wine Vision by Open Balkan fair is completely free.

Entries for the competition will be accepted from September 16 to October 25, 2024.

Please send the completed application form to the email address: **savezvinara@minpolj.gov.rs**, and cc to **winevision@golddistribution.rs**

The wines submission deadline is November 8, 2024.

For each submitted sample, please deliver four bottles to the following address: **Balanička 6, Gold Distribution (opposite Lesnine XXL, where there is an entrance ramp). Boxes 24 and 25 are designated for delivery.** Delivery hours are weekdays from 07:00 to 14:00 and Saturdays from 07:00 to 12:00. For additional information regarding wine delivery, please contact **Nevena Ilić** at **+381 64 24 20 493**.

Note: Submit a printed application form in 2 copies with the wines.

Do not deliver wines without the original label. We will not accept wines without the original label.