



16th THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION
2nd THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUOUS BEVERAGES
OF VITIVINICULTURAL ORIGIN COMPETITION
February 24th-26th, 2016

Thessaloniki, November 17th, 2015

Dear Madame/Sir,

The WINE PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN GREECE VINEYARD and the TIF Helexpo-Oenos,
invite you to participate in the

«16TH THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION»

and in the

«2ND THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUOUS BEVERAGES OF VITIVINICULTURAL ORIGIN COMPETITION»

which will be held in Thessaloniki from February 24th-26th, 2016 in "Ioannis Vellidis" Congress Centre
within the frames of Detrop-Boutique food and wine fair.

It is the only International Wine & Spirits Competition that takes place in Greece under the auspices of the:

International Organization of Vine and Wine (O.I.V.), Pan-Hellenic Union of Registered Enologists, Greek Wine Federation, Greek Sommeliers' Union, Greek Enologists' Union, National Inter-professional Organization of Vine and Wine, Central Union of Vine and Wine Producing Cooperatives Organizations of Greece, Greek Federation of Spirits Producers, Hellenic Association of Journalists and Writers of Wines and Spirits, Municipality of Thessaloniki.

The "Thessaloniki International Wine & Spirits Competition" is a prestigious and successful event gathering wines and spirits from all over the world, judged by qualified Greek and foreign professionals.

The organizers' aim is to present the richness of the Greek and International wine and spirits production and make known the Greek grape varieties to both public and trade people.

Therefore, at the "16th Thessaloniki International Wine Competition", supplementary special awards will be conferred to the following wines receiving the highest rating per category, produced in conformity with the Regulations in force and provided that at least 5 samples participate per category and their ratings correspond at least to a bronze medal:

- a) best dry single variety **Malagousia**
- b) best dry single variety **Assyrtiko**
- c) best dry single variety **Moschofilero**
- d) best dry red single variety **Agiorgitiko**
- e) best dry red single variety **Xinomavro**
- f) best dry single variety **Xinisteri**
- g) best **dry** or **semi dry rose wine** (residual sugars 0-12 g/L)
- h) best **sparkling** or **semisparkling wine**
- i) best **sweet wine** (residual sugars >40 g/L)

The organizers of the Competition publicise the prize-winners' list on local and foreign media, as well as on their websites: www.tiwc.gr and www.winesofnorthgreece.gr. A special booklet containing the awarded wines and spirits is mailed to the participants and tasters, and distributed to the wine sector professionals and consumers.

Results will be officially publicised during an awards ceremony that will take place in Athens.

We therefore invite you to participate in the "16th Thessaloniki International Wine Competition" and in the "2nd Thessaloniki International Spirituous Beverages of Vitivinicultural Origin Competition", and contribute to the promotion of wine and spirits.

The **last entry date is February 12th, 2016** (attached you will find the Regulation and the entry forms). Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information.

Looking forward to receiving your entries

Yours sincerely,

Stylianios Kechris

President of the Wine Producers Association
of the Northern Greece Vineyard

Anastasios Tzikas

President of TIF-HELEXPO