

# THESSALONIKI WINE & SPIRITS TROPHY

**February 25 - 26 – 27, 2026**

## Manual of Participation in the 26th Thessaloniki Wine & Spirits Trophy

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## 1. ONLINE REGISTRATION

Visit our website, [www.tiwc.gr](http://www.tiwc.gr), and create a user account to register your wines online. If you have used the online entry system before, fill in your email and password to log in and register your wines/spirits. If this is the first time you are entering online, fill in your contact details to get a password and instructions.

## 2. SUBMITTING THE WINES

Submitting the wines is accessible. Just log in and go to the Participation tab, select the Online Entry Form for Wines or the Online Entry Form for Spirits, and fill out all the details of your sample.

(\*) For each registered wine/spirit, please attach one set of labels (front and back):

### A. For each wine sample:

1. The labels in Greek (main and secondary, if applicable)
2. For organic wines, the relevant certificate from the certification body.
3. A photo of the bottle, with the label showing the corresponding vintage or without vintage (optional).

### B. For each spirit, ouzo, and gin sample

1. Copy of the distiller and/or liquor producer's professional license
2. Certificate of label compliance with the law, from the competent local Chemical Service, which includes the stamped approved label.
3. Protocol for the distillate's exit from the maturation storage or aging certificate (only for aged distillates) from the competent local Chemical Service
4. A photo of the bottle (optional).

## 3. DEADLINE

The deadline for the registration is **February 10th, 2026**, and the submission of samples is **February 13th, 2026**. No sample (of wine, spirit) or registration form can be accepted after the deadline.

## 4. PARTICIPATION COST

The early bird participation fee (VAT included) from Monday 5th to Friday 23rd January 2026 is as follows:

- 105 € / sample for 1 - 4 samples
- 95 € / sample for 5 - 8 samples
- 90 € / sample for nine samples or more

For the rest of the participation fees (VAT included) from Saturday 24th of January to Tuesday 10th of February 2026, are:

- 125 € / sample for 1 - 4 samples
- 115 € / sample for 5 - 8 samples
- 110 € / sample for nine samples or more

## 5. PAYMENT OPTIONS

- A. Online by credit card (Visa/Mastercard)
- B. By bank transfer to any of the following banks:

- **Alpha Bank**,  
*Account number:* IBAN GR91 0140 7410 7410 0200 2000 210 / BIC CRBAGRAA
- **Piraeus Bank**,  
*Account number:* IBAN GR85 0172 2020 0052 020 14279954 / BIC PIRBGRAA
- **National Bank of Greece**,  
*Account number:* IBAN GR10 0110 2100 0000 2102 0675 522 / BIC ETHNGRAA

Please fill in your company's name in the comments and send us a copy of the transfer order (all the bank costs are to be borne by the registrant).

The payment must be completed until February 11, 2026. If we haven't received notification of your payment until this deadline, the samples will be excluded from the competition.

## 6. DISPATCH OF SAMPLES

- A. Please send per registered wine (carriage paid) **five commercially labeled bottles of 0.75L each.**

**B.** Please send per registered spirit (carriage paid) **two commercially labeled bottles of 0.5L each.** In case of lower capacity bottles, please send (at least) 1,00L in total.

The samples should be delivered between February 02 and 13, 2026 (not earlier or later) from 8:30 to 16:30 to the following address:

**Shipping Address:**

Thessaloniki Wine and Spirits Trophy  
Egnatia 154, TIF HELEXPO  
wine competition warehouse (former DEI  
Pavillion)  
GR 546 36 Thessaloniki, Greece

In the consignment note, you should include the following information about our Company:

Name: Winemakers of North Greece (ENOAVE SA)  
V.A.T. number: 094526311  
Tel.: +30 2310 281617

All entry cases must clearly state the following: "Thessaloniki Wine and Spirits Trophy".

(\* )The samples should be sent as "**samples for competition, no commercial value**" and must be received by the competition organizers no later than February 13, 2026.

(\*\* ) The organizers refuse all responsibility in case of late arrival of samples, total or partial loss during transport, and physical, chemical, and sensory alterations of samples due to temperature variations that may occur during transport. The participants must settle the costs directly with the transport agents for all shipping, customs, and tax charges. Products must comply with this procedure to be allowed to participate in the Competition with a refund of the registration fee. Refused samples will not be returned to the sender.

(\*\*\*) Participants have the right to withdraw from the competition and receive a refund of the participation fee, as well as the return of their samples (shipping costs payable by the recipient), up until **Thursday, February 5th, 2026.**

In case of a withdrawal after this date, the organizer bears no obligation to refund the participation fee and/or return the submitted samples.

## **7. PRODUCTS PERMITTED TO COMPETE**

### **Wines and aromatized wine-based drinks**

The wine competition is open to all wines and aromatized wine-based drinks produced in conformity with their country of origin regulations, packaged in glass bottles of up to 2 liters (PDO, PGI, varietal, exceptional wines, etc.). Boxed wines (Bag-In-Box) may participate in the competition and receive a final rating, but they are excluded from the awards.

### **Spirits, Ouzo, Gin and spirituous drinks of viti-vinicultural origin**

The spirits competition is open to all spirituous beverages viti-vinicultural origin, ouzo, gin and spirituous drinks of viti-vinicultural origin produced in conformity with the regulations of their country of origin.

### **Experimental samples (wines and spirits)**

Moreover, juries can test and evaluate experimental samples (wines, aromatized wine-based drinks, spirits, and spirituous drinks of viti-vinicultural origin). However, their rating is notified only to their producers, and they are excluded from the awards. Apart from experimental samples, all products must be destined for sale and from a homogeneous batch of at least 1000 liters. On an exceptional basis, a reduced volume of at least 100 liters may be admitted upon justification of a deficient production.

## **8. Medals, special awards**

### **A. Medals**

The samples (wine/spirits), according to their final rating, receive the following awards:

- Gold Medal
- Silver Medal
- Bronze Medal

*The Organizing Committee, in collaboration with the competition president, reserves the right to limit the number of award-winning products by increasing the base of their categories.*

## B. Best wine per Category

All judges retaste the best wines of each Category and award the distinction of the best wine of each Category:

- best white wine (category 1)
- best rosé wine (category 2)
- best red wine (category 3)
- best sweet wine (category 4)
- best sparkling wine (category 5)
- best 'retsina' wine (category 6)

For the award of the above distinctions, it is necessary to participate in the Competition with at least five (5) samples of the same Category.

## C. Competition's best wine – best spirit, ouzo & gin

The best wines of each category, once they have earned a gold medal, are re-tasted by all judges, and awarded:

- The best wine of the competition

The highest-grade spirits-ouzo-gin received the distinctions:

- The Best Spirit of the Competition
- The Best Ouzo of the Competition
- The Best Gin of the Competition

## D. Special Awards

The Organizing Committee will introduce special awards to the following categories if at least 5 samples participate per Category and their ratings correspond at least to a bronze medal.

- a) best dry single variety **Assyrtiko**
- b) best dry single variety **Agiorgitiko**
- c) best dry single variety **Debina**
- d) best dry single variety **Malagousia**
- e) best dry single variety **Moschofilero**
- f) best dry single variety **Savatiano**
- g) best dry single variety **Vidiano**
- h) best dry single variety **Xinisteri**
- i) best dry single variety **Xinomavro**
- j) best **organic** wine

It should be noted that if a wine is awarded as the best in its category and is included in the above special distinctions, it automatically receives the corresponding special distinction.

## 9. MEDALS: STICKERS

Medal stickers help your award-winning wine/spirit stand out and give consumers confidence when buying wines/spirits. You can order medal stickers for your awarded products as a submitter of the Thessaloniki Wine and Spirits Trophy.

Alternatively, the award-winning companies may acquire the right to use the digital version of the awarded stickers on the labels of their award-winning products. Please note that the production and use of the stickers on the bottles without the Competition's permission is prohibited.

## 10. PROGRAMME OF THE COMPETITION

The Competition will take place in Thessaloniki. Tasting sessions will be held from the **25th until the 27th of February 2026**. The announcement of the results will be officially published on **February 28, 2026**, on the website [www.tiwc.gr](http://www.tiwc.gr).

## 11. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The members of the Organizing Committee are representatives of the following:

- National Inter-professional Organization of Vine and Wine
- Winemakers of North Greece
- Winemakers Association of Attica Vineyard
- Greek Federation of Spirits Producers
- Pan-Hellenic Union of Registered Oenologists
- Greek Sommeliers' Union

President of the Thessaloniki Wine and Spirits Trophy is Mr. Konstantinos Lazarakis MW.

## 12. CATEGORIES

**1. White still wine** (Dry, Semi-dry, Semi-Sweet, Orange Wine, with carbon dioxide overpressure of less than 0.5 Bar at 20°C)

### 1.a White still wine / Dry

Wines containing up to 4 g/L of residual sugars, or up to 9 g/L, provided that the total acidity, expressed in g/L of tartaric acid, is not lower than the residual sugar content by more than 2 g/L.

**1.b White still wine (Semi-dry/Semi-Sweet Wines)**

Wines containing more than 4.1 g/L and up to 45 g/L of residual sugars.

**1.c White still wine - Orange Wine**

**2. Rosé still wine (Dry, Semi-dry, Semi-Sweet, with carbon dioxide overpressure of less than 0.5 Bar at 20°C**

**2.a. Rosé Still Wine – Dry**

Wines containing up to 4 g/L of residual sugars, or up to 9 g/L, provided that the total acidity, expressed in g/L of tartaric acid, is not lower than the residual sugar content by more than 2 g/L.

**2.b Rosé still wine / Semi-dry/Semi-Sweet**

Wines containing more than 4.1 g/L and up to 45 g/L of residual sugars.

**3. Red still wine (Dry-Medium dry- Medium)**

(Dry – Semi-Dry – Semi-Sweet, with carbon dioxide overpressure of less than 0.5 Bar at 20°C)

**3.a Red Still Wine – Dry**

Wines containing up to 4 g/L of residual sugars, or up to 9 g/L, provided that the total acidity, expressed in g/L of tartaric acid, is not lower than the residual sugar content by more than 2 g/L.

**3.b Red Still Wine – Semi-Dry / Semi-Sweet**

Wines containing more than 4.1 g/L and up to 45 g/L of residual sugars.

**4. Dessert wine (still, sweet)**

Wines containing more than 45 g/L of sugar.

**4.a. Naturally sweet wine - White**

**4.b. Naturally sweet wine - Rose**

**4.c. Naturally sweet wine - Red**

**4.d. Naturally Sweet Fortified Wines (Liqueur Wines) – White**

**4.e. Naturally Sweet Fortified Wines (Liqueur Wines) – Rosé**

**4.f. Naturally Sweet Fortified Wines (Liqueur Wines) – Red**

**5. Sparkling wine (Sparkling/ Semi Sparkling)**

Wines presenting carbon dioxide overpressure of **0.5 – 2.5 Bar at 20°C.**

**5.a Semi Sparkling - White**

**5.b. Semi Sparkling - Rose**

**5.c. Semi Sparkling – Red**

Wines showing carbon dioxide overpressure exceeding **2.5 Bar at 20°C.**

**5.d Sparkling White Wines**

**5.e Sparkling Rosé Wines**

**5.f Sparkling Red Wines**

**6. “Retsina” wines**

**6.a. Retsina – White**

**6.b. Retsina-Rose**

**7. Spirits of Vitivincultural Origin**

**7.a Grape Marc Spirits (Tsipouro or Tsikoudia)**

**7.b Grape Wine Spirits**

**7.c Brandy**

**7.d Grape Distillates**

**7.e Raisin Distillates**

**7.f Wine Lees Distillates**

**8. Aromatized Wine-Based Beverage**

**9. Beverage Based on Vitivincultural Distillate**

**10.Ouzo**

**11.Gin**

## APPENDIX: SAMPLES DELIVERY INFORMATION

### Shipping Address:

Warehouse - Former DEI Pavillion  
Egnatia 154, HELEXPO,  
GR 546 36 Thessaloniki, Greece  
Tel.: (+30) 2310 281617

In the consignment note, you should include the following information about our Company:

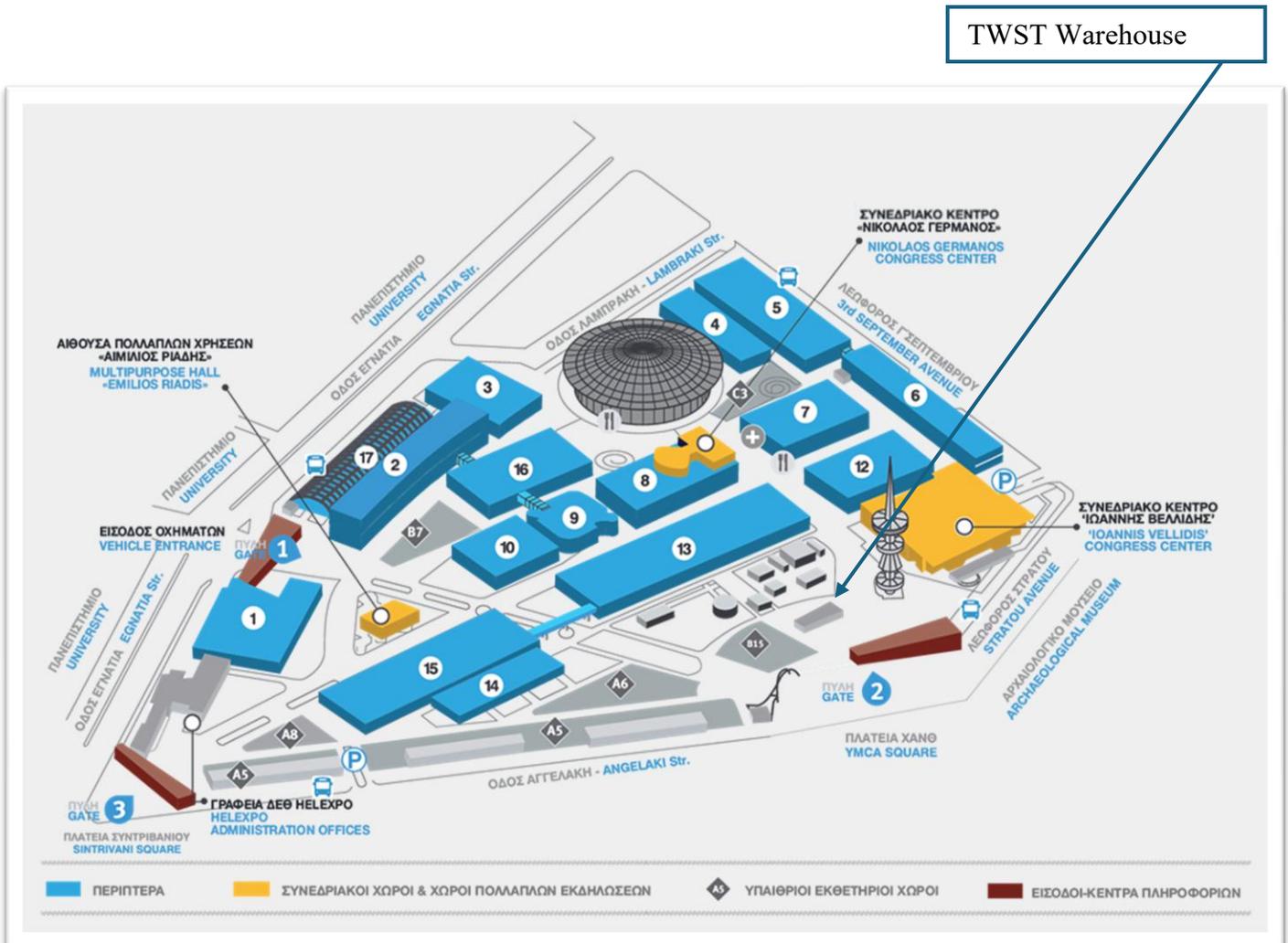
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### Map of the Thessaloniki Wine & Spirits Trophy Warehouse, inside TIF Helexpo



We suggest you to place out of the boxes of your samples this page with delivery information.