



# REGULATIONS VRANAC SELECTION 2026

This is a translation of the original document which is in French and is available upon request.

## Section 1 - Organisation

The VRANAC SELECTION is organised by Vinopres s.a. rue de Mérode 60, 1060 Bruxelles, Belgium (web site : [www.Vranacselection.com](http://www.Vranacselection.com)).

From its advent, the VRANAC SELECTION has been recognised by the European Union as an official organisation with the power to award medals to wines. As such, it is inspected annually by officials from the Belgian Federal Public Service Economy.

## Section 2 - Goals

The main purposes of the VRANAC SELECTION include:

1. the promotion and advancement of wines of good quality.
2. to encourage production and stimulate reasonable consumption as a factor of civilization and to contribute to the expansion of the culture of wines.
3. to create public awareness and present to the public the typical features of wines produced in different countries, as well as being a showcase of latest trends in vintage, grape variety, country etc...
4. to help the consumer by selecting the best wines from producers worldwide by setting up a label, a precedent of choice and confidence for an ever more difficult and extensive choice.

## Section 3 - Products eligible for competing

The Vranac Selection is open without discrimination to all wines, special wines and mistelle made from some Vranac grape.

All products must indicate the country of origin where the grapes were harvested and fermented. All these products must be available for sale in containers with a maximum capacity of TWO (02) litres.

All samples must be presented in bottles with labels and the original presentation of the marketed vintage, unless specifically exempted.

Each sample submitted must also come from a uniform batch available in quantities of at least 1,000 litres and destined for consumption. However, when production is particularly low for certain categories of wine, the available batch may be less than 1,000 litres but no less than 100 litres.



#### Section 4 - Registration formalities

To take part in the competition each participant must send, by mail and before February 16, 2026 the registration form duly completed for each product presented, to the secretariat of the VRANAC SELECTION, Vinopres, rue de Mérode 60, B-1060 Bruxelles, Belgique.

The registration form can be downloaded from our Web site: [www.Vranacselection.com](http://www.Vranacselection.com)

The registration form for each product must include:

1. the complete and exact identification of the participant who has the right to market or distribute the batch corresponding to the samples
2. the exact designation of the product, in accordance with the regulations of the country of origin, the colour, and if possible, the vintage and indication of age and any possible contact with wood
3. where possible, the grape varieties and their percentage in the wine.
4. the quantity available for sale, corresponding to the sample

It must also be accompanied by:

5. the analysis certificates, in conformity with Annex II, carried out by an accredited laboratory or by a competent laboratory in conformity with the laws of the country or certified by an oenologist in charge of the wine cellar
6. The organizer will store the samples in a secure place under temperature and atmospheric conditions guaranteeing preservation.
7. a payment form filled out or proof of bank transfer for the cost of participation

The indications listed on the registration form engage the responsibility of the author.

THE VRANAC SELECTION may at any time verify the truthfulness by any legal means and take any action as it deems necessary.



## Section 5 - Participation costs and terms of payment

Participation cost is **100€** per sample.

Payment can be made by Visa/Mastercard or American Express credit card, or by bank transfer to account number **Vinopres - Banque: BNP Paribas Fortis Belgique - IBAN: BE24 2710 0451 1138 - BIC: GEBABEBB (Please note: Unique bank account from 1 September 2023)**

These costs must be settled upon registration. If the cost of registration has not been received for a product it will not be allowed to participate.

## Section 6 - Shipping of samples

To be admitted to the competition each participant must submit **3** labelled bottles of each registered product to the different addresses available on the website, before February 16, 2026.

These samples must be addressed direct (shipping, customs and taxes paid by sender).

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Please add a pro forma bill stating:

Samples without commercial value Excise O under EEC Regulation No. 2913/92 of 12/10/92;

The samples sent for the VRANAC SELECTION are still owned by the responsible of the registration until the tasting. After the tasting, the remaining samples are owned by the VRANAC SELECTION.

Samples that arrive late, or that have not been the object of correct registration (section 4) or that don't correspond to the registered product will not be presented for the competition, nor returned.

## Section 7 - Control and stocking of samples received

The VRANAC SELECTION checks the shipments of wine received and the official documents that accompany them, corrects any possible errors and refuses samples that do not correspond to the regulations mentioned herewith.



It emphasises the correct use of appellations of origin and geographical denominations. The labelling of products made in the EU member states must comply with the Community regulations, and for other countries, this must conform to the regulations in force in the country of production.

It then proceeds to divide the samples according to the characteristics on the declarations provided in section 4 or, if necessary, on obvious characteristics.

The organizer will store the samples in a secure place under temperature and atmospheric conditions guaranteeing preservation.

### **Section 8 - Classification of wines and storage of samples**

After checks based on registration documents and certificates of analysis, and the accuracy of entries for each category, the samples are classed per series and presented to the jury panel in a decreasing order of vintages keeping caudalies in mind if need be.

### **Section 9 - Designation of Juries**

1. The evaluation of samples is done by committees composed of jurors whose number depends on the number and type of products offered for competition. The VRANAC SELECTION convenes and designates the juries.
2. In a committee each juror is from a different country. It is necessary to respect geographical dispersal of the origins of jurors.
3. Each committee consists of, in principle, 6 jurors. In no case is the number inferior to 5. The jurors are people whose qualities as tasters are not lacking.
4. Each committee functions under the authority of a chairman appointed by THE VRANAC SELECTION, who is responsible for the smooth flowing of the tasting, checks the quality of wines served and the filling out of the score sheets and eventual attribution of points.

### **Section 10 - Committee chairman's duty**

The committee chairman's duty is to ensure the smooth progress of the tasting of samples and:

1. ensure the secrecy regarding the anonymity of the wines;
2. order a second tasting of a sample if it is deemed necessary.



## Section 11 - Organisation of the session

The organizing committee of the VRANAC SELECTION, which is composed of a director of operations and a director general, organises the distribution of samples between the commissions and the order of the tasting sessions are to take.

## Section 12 - Overall functioning of the commissions

### 1. Discipline

As anonymity is a fundamental principle of the competition:

- a. During the tasting the jurors are required to keep silent and avoid gestures or facial expressions that might give away their impressions.
- b. Before the serving of each sample, the score sheets that are handed out may bear technical information relative to the sample. These sheets may also bear the jury number and the juror's name.
- c. The staff that collects the sheets ensures they have been correctly filled out. The chairman then signs them for validation.
- d. Jurors cannot keep a double.
- e. Jurors are not allowed to know the identification of a wine, its origins, price, points or awards, thus respecting total anonymity.

### 2. Mode of operation

Once the commissions are formed, in order to explain the point of their mission, they are reunited prior to the tasting, for one or more meetings and will have a group tasting, afterwards comparing the results of each taster to provide a balance between the evaluation criteria of each taster.

- a. The commissions are seated in a well aired, well lit and quiet hall where entry is prohibited to any person having nothing to do with the tasting sessions. Where possible the temperature is kept between 18°C and 22°C. Smoking is not allowed.
- b. A second hall next door but out of the jurors' sight is reserved for the uncorking of samples and maintenance of anonymity. Smoking is not allowed here neither.
- c. The filling of glasses is done in the tasting hall in front of the jurors.
- d. In all cases, the bottles are first placed in a wrapping that hides the shape of the bottle and guarantees sample anonymity.
- e. The tasting sessions are held preferably in the mornings. Each tasting is done at a rate of fifty samples per day.
- f. THE VRANAC SELECTION guarantees optimal conditions for the jurors.

### 3. Presentation of the wines

Each wine is tasted individually and is not compared.



### **Section 13 - Order and temperature of presented wines**

1. The purpose of the distribution of the wines is to introduce to the commissions a homogenous successive set of samples. These series are examined in a rational order decided upon by the organizing committee in accordance with article 11.
2. Every morning before the first tasting session, it is recommended that for the palate calibration a wine of the same type as the series planned is presented to the tasters. This is not a competing wine. The tasting is then discussed by all.
3. The greatest efforts are made to ensure that the wines are tasted at adequate serving temperatures.

It is essential that all samples from the same category and the same flight, are tasted at the same temperature.

### **Section 14 - Description of the score sheet**

At the same time as the sample is served, each juror receives the corresponding score sheet. This sheet should indicate information relating to the organoleptic characteristics, according to the sample provided. It must also carry the commission number and the chairman's signature.

### **Section 15 - Role of the jurors**

The jurors verify or complete the information on the sheets relative to the sample.

After sensory analysis of each sample the juror ticks the box on every line that corresponds to the appreciation of the given character.

He then writes any observations in the space reserved and hands his sheet to the committee chairman.

The opinion of the jurors is final.

### **Section 16 - Transcription and calculation of results**

THE VRANAC SELECTION translates into numbers the qualifying assessments from the jurors score sheets.

When a sample is rated as 'eliminated' for one or more categories it is automatically classified as 'eliminated' and therefore cannot, under any circumstances, compete for a reward.



Each sample receives a score which is a score resulting from the application of the methodology for distribution of medals accredited by the Institute of Statistics of the Catholic University of Louvain.

## Section 17 - Distribution of rewards

### 1. The Grand Gold Medal, the Gold Medal and the Silver Medal

Samples that have received, during the tasting and for each category, a number of determined points in accordance with the methodology for distribution of medals, are awarded the following:

- ▶ Grand Gold Medal
- ▶ Gold Medal
- ▶ Silver Medal

The sum of all medals awarded to samples having obtained the best results cannot exceed 30% of the total of samples presented at the competition. In the event of an overrun, the samples having obtained the least points will be eliminated.

All awards granted by the VRANAC SELECTION within the framework of this competition, apply only to the awarded products and the volume declared available by the producer or trader on the registration form (section 4 above) and from where the competing sample comes from.

## Section 18 - Communication of awards

The distinctions of award-winning products are displayed as follows:

### 1. The Grand gold medal, the Gold medal and the Silver medal

- a. Participants who have obtained one or more medals will be notified by official letter from the VRANAC SELECTION.

Each medal obtained constitutes:

- ▶ The official medal (if requested) and
- ▶ a certificate stating the nature of the distinction, the exact identity of the award-winning product, the volume declared as well as the identity of the producer or dealer according to information provided on the registration form.

- b. In addition, so that the producer or dealer can derive maximum benefit from winning the medal, the VRANAC SELECTION offers for sale (and according to the rates in effect on the date the medal was awarded):



- ▶ Official VRANAC SELECTION bottle stickers for the awarded product.
- ▶ The right to use the logo known as « *dispensation to reproduce logo* ». This right is personal, and non-transferable. It is limited to the number of reproductions specifically asked for by the producer or dealer on the order form and is valid one year.

The producer or trader wishing to use the VRANAC SELECTION logo on their labels or other supports must purchase this right called the « *dispensation to reproduce logo* » from the VRANAC SELECTION.

No changes whatsoever may be made to the logo, the diameter, proportions or colour.

No other reproductions of the competition medal and/or bottle stickers and/or VRANAC SELECTION logo are authorised nor can they be affixed to an awarded product.

The mention of the prize obtained cannot be reproduced except on the official bottle stickers and/or the « *dispensation to reproduce logo* ».

The number of bottle stickers or the « *dispensation to reproduce logo* » delivered to an awarded product cannot in any way be superior to the number of 75cl. bottles declared on the registration form and from which the sample comes from.

Any infringement, unauthorised reproduction and/or use of the medal, bottle stickers and/or logos of the VRANAC SELECTION is strictly prohibited and will be penalized by a payment to the VRANAC SELECTION of an irreducible and fixed fine of 10.000 €, in addition to damages for direct and indirect damage caused to the VRANAC SELECTION.

The VRANAC SELECTION will remove any distinction awarded to a bottle whose labelling does not comply with the country of origin or who makes improper use of an appellation of origin or a geographical indication.

## Section 19 - Quality control

The VRANAC SELECTION is going to control the awarded wines by comparing a selection of those products to an anonymously-bought sample from the same batch.

The VRANAC SELECTION will inform the distributors from whom it buys the samples, but will keep confidential the details until the end of the control procedure.

A certified laboratory ('COFRAC' French norm) will be in charge of the comparative analysis and the comparative tasting (by a panel of independent oenologists). In case of contentious question or proved difference, the VRANAC SELECTION reserves the right to:

1. cancel the awarded medal,
2. warn the relevant fraud services (or equivalent),



3. warn the distributors who sold the product,
4. inform the jurors who awarded the products,
5. to expel the implicated producers from all the competition organised by the VRANAC SELECTION for five years.

## **Section 20 - Force majeure and changes**

If an event beyond the control of the VRANAC SELECTION was to prevent the contest from happening, the VRANAC SELECTION is under no circumstances held liable.

The VRANAC SELECTION reserves the right to cancel the competition, to change the date scheduled of the event, to shorten or lengthen it, to modify the conditions or the operation in case of force majeure (epidemic, fire, flooding, natural catastrophe, strike, terrorist act, etc ...), or any event beyond their control or deemed justifiably necessary. Their liability cannot thereby be incurred and no compensation can be requested by participants.

The VRANAC SELECTION cannot be held responsible for any theft, loss, damage or delay in the delivery of samples.

## **Article 21 - General Rules**

- ▶ Every person registered will be notified by post of the results of their product(s) presented.
- ▶ The competition results are final and without appeal.
- ▶ Samples of participating products may, after the event, be used by the VRANAC SELECTION for promotional or training reasons. They will not be returned to the producer or dealer. The same applies if the event is cancelled as per the circumstances set out in Article 19 of this Regulation.
- ▶ Participating in the VRANAC SELECTION means express and unconditional acceptance of these regulations.
- ▶ In the case of a dispute with the VRANAC SELECTION, the courts of Brussels shall have exclusive jurisdiction and Belgian law will apply.

*Version adapted in December 2025*



## TASTING EVALUATION SHEET

### VINS TRANQUILLES - STILL WINES

LIMPIDITÉ / LIMPIDITY	<input type="checkbox"/> 5		<input type="checkbox"/> 3		<input type="checkbox"/> 1
ASPECT / SIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> 10		<input type="checkbox"/> 6		<input type="checkbox"/> 2
INTENSITÉ / INTENSITY	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
FRANCHISE / GENUINENESS	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
QUALITÉ / QUALITY	<input type="checkbox"/> 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 14	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
INTENSITÉ / INTENSITY	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
FRANCHISE / GENUINENESS	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
QUALITÉ / QUALITY	<input type="checkbox"/> 22	<input type="checkbox"/> 19	<input type="checkbox"/> 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 13	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
PERSISTANCE / PERSISTENCE	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
JUGEMENT GLOBAL OVERALL JUDGEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
REMARQUES REMARKS					ÉLIMINÉ <input type="checkbox"/> 0

COMMISSION N°	<input type="text"/>
N° OF THE TASTER	<input type="text"/>
SERIES	<input type="text"/>
SAMPLE	<input type="text"/>

Judge Signature:

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President Signature:

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## TASTING EVALUATION SHEET

### VINS EFFERVESCENTS - SPARKLING WINES

LIMPIDITÉ / LIMPIDITY	<input type="checkbox"/> 5		<input type="checkbox"/> 3		<input type="checkbox"/> 1
ASPECT / SIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> 10		<input type="checkbox"/> 6		<input type="checkbox"/> 2
EFFERVESCENCE	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
INTENSITÉ / INTENSITY	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
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COMMISSION N°	<input type="text"/>
N° OF THE TASTER	<input type="text"/>
SERIES	<input type="text"/>
SAMPLE	<input type="text"/>

Judge Signature:

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President Signature:

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## Certificate of sample conformity presented in bulk

Document required for presenting a bulk sample *Vranac Selection*.

I, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_

representing the company or holding \_\_\_\_\_

declare under oath that the wine of the \_\_\_\_\_ vintage presented at *Vranac Selection* represents the entire batch to be bottled in the month of \_\_\_\_\_

☛ If this is a vintage please specify batch number: \_\_\_\_\_

☛ The number of bottles intended for this wine: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date**

**Stamp**

**Signature**

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**In 2016, over 275 medal-winning entries were analysed and tasted by an authorised laboratory. It was confirmed that four of them displayed significant differences and complaints have been lodged with the relevant authorities.**