



# Press release - World's Best Vineyards Top 50 2023 results

## The World's Best Vineyards 2023 Revealed

Top 50 vineyards announced in Spain's finest wine region, Rioja



**Argentina tops the list as Catena Zapata in Mendoza is voted number one in the World's Best Vineyards 2023.**

Last night, at an event for 125 VIPs held in Rioja, World's Best Vineyards revealed this year's top wine destinations for 2023. The extensive list



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Rioja's Bodegas de los Herederos del Marqués de Riscal with its stunning, futuristic architecture and impressive setting came in second place and took the spot for top vineyard in Europe. Chilean vineyard, VIK jumped one place to third and Creation in South Africa, took fourth place and was named overall African winner.

Argentina populated this year's list with three vineyards in the top 10, including Catena Zapata (number one) which was founded in 1902 and is known for its pioneering role in reinventing Malbec, Bodegas Salentein (number nine), described as the heart and soul of the Uco Valley and El Enemigo Wines (number 10) which celebrates both tradition and innovation. Finca Victoria from the Durigutti family in Mendoza is this year's highest new entry at number 13.

There were 23 vineyards from Europe in this year's list and France had the highest overall number of wineries with nine in the top 50 including the Champagne houses Maison Ruinart, Bollinger, Billecart-Salmon and Veuve Clicquot. With more first-time entrants than before, the 2023 list welcomed entries from Hungary, Georgia and Lebanon.

Continent winners also included Château Mercian Mariko Winery, in Japan, Rippon in Central Otago, New Zealand and Jordan Vineyard and Winery tucked into the hills of Sonoma County's Alexander Valley.

This year, Antinori nel Chianti Classico (Marchesi Antinori), Best Vineyard in the World 2022, has entered into the World's Best Vineyards Hall of Fame, which is reserved for vineyards that have topped the winning list.



Spain's finest wine region and host of the event, holds two of Spain's four places in the Top 50 list and with Bodegas Muga (number 49) in addition to Bodegas de los Herederos del Marqués de Riscal (number 2).



**Bodegas de los Herederos del Marqués de Riscal in Rioja took second place, and Best Vineyard in Europe.**

**Andrew Reed, Managing Director Wine and Exhibitions at William Reed, comments:** *"The World's Best Vineyards continues to highlight wine tourism destinations around the globe and with an impressive list of new entries this year, it's more important than ever. We've found that local and international tourists are looking for experiences that offer a whole host of activities and our host Rioja truly fits the bill with stunning scenery, delicious food and of course, amazing wines".*

**Fernando Ezquerro, President of Denominacion de Origen Calificada**



*wineries from Spain on the list and two of them from Rioja. Rioja's history and traditions have led it to establish itself not only as the leading winemaking region in Spain, but also as the country's go-to destination for wine tourism, which has had a driving effect on the seasonality and diversification of tourism in Spain. Our passion for hospitality and wine-making makes Rioja such a special place to visit."*



### **Creation, South Africa, number four and Africa continent winner**

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### Notes to editors:

The awards ceremony took place on Wednesday, 12th July in Rioja, Spain.

The Top 50 list is compiled from all the nominations by the global academy of voters. The world is split into geographical regions, each headed up by an acknowledged expert as the Academy Chair. Each Academy Chair is responsible for recruiting 36 wine and travel experts. Each member of the Voting Academy must vote for 7 vineyards. There is no pre-determined checklist of criteria or predefined list to choose from – each vote is a nomination for a vineyard experience open to the public that they deem to truly be the best in the world.

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