



TRIUMPH FOR GONZALEZ BYASS IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Once again Gonzalez Byass has triumphed in International Competitions throughout the world. This year Gonzalez Byass took part in six of the most prestigious wine and spirits competitions; Decanter, International Wine & Spirits Competiton, International Wine Challenge, International Spirit Challenge, Concours Mondial de Bruxelles and Challenge International de Vin. Once again demonstrating the quality of their entire product range Gonzalez Byass received prizes in each and every one of the competitions.

Decanter World Wine Awards, now in its sixth year, is organised by the prestigious UK magazine Decanter. This year the awards attracted more entries than any other wine competition in the world, cementing its position as the world's biggest wine competition. In total 10,285 wines were entered, more than double the amount when the competition launched six years ago. The number of companies submitting wines increased by 23% to 2,240. This year Gonzalez Byass received an array of medals for all of their wineries. Their Riojan winery Bodegas Beronia received a number of medals including a **Gold** medal for **Beronia Gran Reserva 2001**. Finca Constancia was awarded a **bronze** medal for **Finca Constancia 2007** and **silver** for **Altozano Tempranillo-Cabernet Sauvignon 2006**, its Vinos de la Tierra de castilla. **Finca Moncloa 2005**, from Cadiz triumphed with a **Silver** medal and both **La Miranda de Secastilla** and **Secastilla** from Viñas del Vero in Somontano obtained **Bronze** medals. These results are a great achievement for Gonzalez Byass given that very few wines entered are awarded with gold or silver medals and that the Decanter Wine Awards are thought to be of the most difficult in obtain recognition (more information www.decanter.com).

There was great success for Gonzalez Byass in **The International Wine & Spirit Competition** this year. This competition is the premier competition of its kind in the world and its aim is to promote the quality and excellence of the world's best wines, spirits and liqueurs. This year there was special recognition for the Sherries of Gonzalez Byass. From only 7 sherry wines which were awarded with **Gold best in class**, 3 were from Gonzalez Byass, **Matusalem, Apostoles and Del Duque**. In addition **Noé and Solera 1847** obtained **Silver best in class**, 2 of only 9 sherry wines to obtain this recognition. There was also success for **Nectar PX** which was awarded a **Silver** medal. There was also cause for celebration for Bodegas Beronia who won **Gold best in class** for **Beronia Gran Reserva 2001** and **Silver best in class** for both **Beronia Reserva 2004** and **Beronia Crianza 2006** as did **Vilarnau Pinot Noir 2008** from Penedes. In addition to this astounding success a number of Gonzalez Byass products were awarded with **bronze medals** including **Beronia Mazuelo 2004, Altozano Tempranillo-Shiraz rosé 2008, Vilarnau Brut. Vilarnau Demi Sec and Finca Constancia 2007**(more information www.iwsc.net).

Gonzalez Byass also triumphed in another of the important UK competitions **International Wine Challenge**. This year, the 26th edition of the competition, wines were received from a record 41 countries with 304 gold medals awarded, up 13% on last year. Of these **Gold** medals awarded two were obtained by Gonzalez Byass for their sherry wines **Nectar PX** and **Apostoles**. A number of other Sherries form the Jerez winery obtained recognition including **Silver** medals for **Solera 1847, Noé and Matusalem**. Wines from other Gonzalez Byass wineries also obtained a number of medals including a **Silver** medal for **Secastilla** and **Bronze** for **Altozano Tempranillo 2008** (more information www.internationalwinechallenge.com). This year Gonzalez Byass also took part in the spirits section of this competition **International Spirits Challenge** presenting their premium Gin **The London Gin** which obtained a **Silver** medal.



There was also success for Gonzalez Byass abroad this year in the **Challenge International du Vin**, the largest wine competition in France, held in Paris. Each year this event brings together 1000 experienced judges for blind tastings of over 5000 wines. This year Gonzalez Byass won a **Gold** medal with their **Solera 1847**. Also **Silver** medals for **Tio Pepe, Nectar PX, Vilarnau Brut and Secastilla**. In addition a number of awards were obtained by Gonzalez Byass in the **Concours Mondial de Bruxelles**. The 16th edition of this international competition which this year was held in Valencia. With 6289 wines and 54 producing countries competing this year, and a jury of 250 professionals from 42 countries. The sherry wines from Gonzalez Byass gained recognition with a **Gold** for **Solera 1847** and **Silver** for **Nectar PX**, the only two sherry wines to obtain awards. Also recognition for Gonzalez Byass' vino de la Tierra de Castilla with a **Silver** medal for **Altozano Tempranillo Shiraz 2008**.

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