



2021 NATIONAL TASTING PROJECT SUMMARY

The National Tasting Project (NTP) gives AWS chapters across the US the opportunity to sample the same group of wines in a blind tasting as a means of calibrating our palates. This year the Covid19 Pandemic continued, forcing many to continue to do virtual tastings, but some started in person meetings. This is evident in the decline of participants. For 2021, 34 chapters, representing 752 tasters across the country participated in the NTP. The wines overall were very well received.

Each participating chapter selected from 12 wines, tasting as many as they wish from the selection. The wines were not imposed to be blind due to the uncommon varieties. They were scored on the AWS 20-point scale. The results show that:

- The top scoring wine was Carski Vinogradi Deep Red Cuvee 2016 from Bosnia. It was also one of the two most expensive wines in the tasting at \$45 average cost. It was tasted by more than half of the participating chapters.
- Second Place was Trnjak Premium 2015 from Bosnia \$30. It was also one of the most tasted wines in the selection.
- Third Place was Rizman Winery Tribidrag 2017 from Croatia \$45, the other most expensive wine in the tasting.
- There were no Gold Medals this year, but all the wines were awarded Bronze or Silver Medals.
- The calibration spread very successful this year, ranging from zero to the largest spread of 1.1 difference between the certified judges and members scores!
- This effectively concludes the calibration amongst our members, having the largest spread between the judges and the group average for the Terra Madre Posip 2018, from Croatia.

The following table shows the average scores for the participants and the graduate wine judges.

Thank you to all the groups who participated and submitted results!

No.	Wine	Tasters	Cost	Overall Average Score	Wine Judge Average Score	In Top 3 Wines (percent of chapters)	Rank Order Top Wines
1	Terra Madre Posip '18 Croatia	496	\$15	14.1	15.2	7%	9 Bronze
2	Citluk Stone Cuvee '19 Bosnia	441	\$19	15.2	15.9	22%	tie 5 Silver
3	Vukoje Tamjanika '19 Bosnia	473	\$22	14.5	15.5	13%	8 Bronze
4	Volarevic Rosé '19 Croatia	508	\$15	14.3	14.9	11%	10 Bronze
5	Blatina Rosé '19 Bosnia	441	\$19	13.8	14.4	0%	11 Bronze
6	Teuta Warrior Queen Blatina '16 Bosnia	559	\$40	15.4	15.7	36%	tie 5 silver
7	Trnjak Premium '15 Bosnia	528	\$30	16.0	16.4	54%	2 Silver
8	Rizman Tribidrag '17 Croatia	439	\$45	15.7	16.2	63%	3 Silver
9	Terra Madre Plavac Mali '16 Croatia	364	\$39	15.3	15.7	57%	6 Silver
10	Komara 7 '16 Croatia	427	\$19	15.4	15.3	50%	7 Silver
11	Volarevic Plavac Mali '15 Croatia	500	\$35	15.8	15.8	63%	4 Silver
12	Carski Vinogradi Red '16 Bosnia	464	\$45	16.2	17.2	88%	1 Silver