

WINE PARIS & VINEXPO PARIS 2023

Accessing a world in motion where wines & spirits, gastronomy and mixology meet under the same roof

26 January 2023 – From 13 to 15 February, Wine Paris & Vinexpo Paris, the flagship international event for the wine and spirits industry, will be welcoming over 30,000 visitors from across the globe, including many bartenders and restaurateurs. The 2023 exhibition, which has been placed under the patronage of chef Guy Savoy, will be rolling out innovative event formats including the Chef & Sommelier Duos, the Battle of the Female Sommeliers and the Battle of the Mixologists.



Guy Savoy, patron of the 2023 Wine Paris & Vinexpo Paris

“Every time a bottle of wine is uncorked at a table somewhere across the globe, a piece of France [...] travels to the other side of the world”.

This is how Guy Savoy – whose restaurant in the 6th arrondissement of Paris was named the world’s best restaurant for the sixth consecutive year – expresses his passion for gastronomy, both on the plate and in the glass. During an in-depth interview with Wine Paris & Vinexpo Paris, he speaks of his cuisine, his favourite wine regions and his close collaboration with the world of wine. He also explains why he became the event’s patron this year, providing vital support for the wine and spirits industry which plays a pivotal role in the hospitality trade.

The interview with Guy Savoy can be accessed in full [here](#)

Honouring sommeliers

Wine Paris & Vinexpo Paris is also a major gathering point for sommeliers, as evidenced by the partnership with the **World’s Best Sommelier Competition** hosted by the ASI the day before the exhibition.

For the first time in Paris, Paz Levinson, *2015 ASI Best Sommelier of the Americas*, Heidi Mäkinen, *2015 ASI Best Sommelier of Finland*, and Véronique Rivest, *2013 ASI World’s Best Sommelier*, will go head-to-head in a **Battle of the Female Sommeliers** centring on:

- **The influence of the various vessels used for winemaking and maturation** | Monday 13 February from 1:30 to 2:30 pm.



Another new feature in 2023 is the Chef & Sommelier Duos. The encounters showcase chefs and sommeliers, who in tandem vie to be the most creative and skilful. Each duo will present inspiring pairings, under the watchful eye of 1992 World’s Best Sommelier, Philippe Faure-Brac.

Will it be the dish or the wine? Wine Paris & Vinexpo Paris invites visitors to this year's exhibition to discover some outstanding Chef & Sommelier duos, in order to get a better understanding of this very tight-knit relationship:

- **Guy Savoy & Sylvain Nicolas** | Monday 13 February from 3:30 to 4:30 pm
- **Thierry Marx & David Biraud** | Tuesday 14 February from 3:30 to 4:30 pm
- **Adeline Grattard & Marine Delaporte** | Wednesday 15 February from 3:30 to 4:30 pm

The Battle of the Mixologists: it's cocktail festival time!



Wine Paris & Vinexpo Paris is also honouring the international range of spirits and craft beverages. To showcase industry stakeholders, Wine Paris & Vinexpo Paris is staging a battle of the mixologists on **Wednesday 15 February 2023 from 10:30am to 12:00pm**.

In front of an audience of 50 people, and under the critical eye of a panel comprising Lionel Albano, *founder of La Mentheuse*, Marc-Antoine Fulconis, *co-founder of Beeche (Bulles de Ruche)*, Gauthier Zucco, brand ambassador with *Bollinger Diffusion*, and Benjamin Flavigny, *brand ambassador with Maker's Mark France*, 4 renowned mixologists chosen from the selection [of cocktail bars featuring in the 2023 OFF programme](#) will be pitted against each other. They will be asked to produce 3 cocktails revolving around a surprise theme revealed on the day. After the panel has reached its decision, the winning cocktail will be available for everyone to taste.

Access the full [On! programme](#)

For more information, visit wineparis-vinexpo.com

About WINE PARIS & VINEXPO PARIS

Wine Paris & Vinexpo Paris is the annual event for wine and spirits professionals from around the world. Hosted in mid-February at a key time of the year, it aims to offer a cohesive focal point for industry players centring on a comprehensive, relevant and inclusive range of products that showcases vineyard sites across the globe alongside all the French wine regions.

About VINEXPOSIUM

Vinexposium is the world's leading organizer of wine and spirits trade events. The group boasts an extensive portfolio of iconic, high-performance events tailored to different market segments: Wine Paris & Vinexpo Paris; Vinexpo America, Drinks America; Vinexpo Asia, Symposium; Vinexpo China; WBWE Amsterdam; and Vinexpo India, along with Vinexpo Explorer and Vinexpo Meetings. Vinexposium also continues to enhance its digital portal, Vinexposium Connect, the high-performance business enabler where industry members can connect 365 days a year around the world and enjoy online networking and exclusive content

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