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## **Familia Torres' Grans Muralles 2016 among the world's 50 best wines according to the Decanter awards**

**The wine from Conca de Barberà again named "Best in Show," an accolade it was already awarded in the last edition of the biggest international wine competition, held in London**

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**Vilafranca del Penedès, September 2020.** *Grans Muralles*, the wine made by [Familia Torres](#) in the DO Conca de Barberà, was again named "Best in Show" at the Decanter World Wine Awards, the biggest international wine competition, organized by British magazine *Decanter*. This year's award went to the 2016 vintage. For the second year in a row, this Mediterranean red wine made using native varieties, including some ancestral varieties, obtained 97 points and the highest distinction in this prestigious competition, considering it one of the world's 50 best wines. It is also one of four Spanish wines – and the only Catalan wine – that appears in this exclusive category, chosen from among more than 16,500 wines from 55 countries.

*Grans Muralles 2016* is one of Familia Torres' emblematic wines and part of its Anthology collection. It comes from a historical vineyard with deep and stony soils formed by layers of slate and granite, at the foot of the walls that once protected Poblet Monastery in Conca de Barberà. Made for the first time in 1996, it is the first exponent of the project to recover ancestral varieties that Familia Torres started in the early 1980s, thanks to the inclusion of the Garró variety in its blend, while the Querol variety was also added years later.

Combined with Garnacha, Cariñena, and Monastrell, these varieties create an intense wine that is aromatic and perfectly balanced, where the freshness predominates. For Miguel Torres Maczasek, from the fifth generation of the Torres family, "*Grans Muralles 2016* is one of the great vintages of this decade; it shows with considerable precision the Mediterranean character that comes from its landscape and its ancient varieties. The Decanter award is a huge recognition in general for the Mediterranean red wines from this area."

The Decanter World Wine Awards 2020 has also awarded gold medals to another four wines from different Familia Torres wineries, giving them scores of 95 points each. These are *Purgatori 2016* (Costers del Segre), *Pago del Cielo Celeste Reserva 2015* (Ribera del Duero), *La Carbonera Las Pisadas 2016* (Rioja), and *Pazo das Bruxas 2019* (Rías Baixas).

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The results for this competition are obtained based on blind tastings with wine professionals held during August in London, and this year have comprised a total of 178 platinum medals (wines scoring 97 points or higher), 537 gold medals (95-96 points), 5,234 silver medals (90-94 points), and 7,508 bronze medals (86-89 points), in addition to the ultimate recognition for 50 wines considered the “Best in Show.”

To see the results for the Decanter World Wine Awards 2020, click [here](#).

**About Familia Torres**

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Familia Torres founded its winery in Vilafranca del Penedès in 1870, 150 years ago, but its roots in the winegrowing traditions of Penedès date back to the 16th century. Every generation has passed on its passion for wine culture from parents to children, a passion built on a deep respect for the Earth and tradition, as well as a belief in innovation. Today the focus of the fifth generation is on making wines from exceptional vineyards and historical estates, as well as on recovering ancestral varieties as a way of adapting to climate change. Since 2008, Familia Torres has taken active steps to combat the climate emergency, implementing adaptation and mitigation measures to reduce its carbon emissions. Familia Torres has a historical connection to Penedès, Conca de Barberà, Priorat, and Costers del Segre, but now its presence extends to vineyards and wineries in preeminent Spanish wine regions – Rioja, Ribera del Duero, Rueda, and Rías Baixas – and in Chile and California. Familia Torres is a member of Primum Familiae Vini, an association representing 12 of the oldest and most prestigious wine families in the world, and it is the founder of International Wineries for Climate Action, which promotes the decarbonization of the wine sector.

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