

27th Slovenian Wine Festival – Two Days, 140 Winemakers, 600 Flavours, One Story – A Festival Showing that Wine is the Story of Slovenia

Final press release

Ljubljana, 20 November 2025 – The **27th Slovenian Wine Festival**, a prestigious event that has been bringing together wine culture, gastronomy, and the art of tasting for nearly three decades, took place on 13 and 14 November at Cankarjev dom in Ljubljana. The festival attracted more than **3,400 visitors** who enjoyed **over 600 wine samples**, attended **eight expert and experiential workshops**, explored a variety of wine styles, and indulged in top-class cuisine. This year's event once again offered a vibrant space for meetings, knowledge exchange, and inspiration, where the traditions of Slovenian winegrowing meet modern approaches and sustainable practices. **The festival's honorary patron, Minister of the Economy, Tourism and Sport Matjaž Han**, addressed exhibitors, winemakers, and partners at the opening ceremony and presented **awards for the highest-rated wines**. Highlights from the opening and the awards ceremony can be viewed in the [photo gallery](#).

A Diverse World of Flavours and Experiences

Visitors were able to immerse themselves in a **rich array of tastings** that showcased the full spectrum of winemaking creativity—from **refined sparkling wines** and **elegant reds** to **fresh whites** and **complex orange wines**, as well as **innovative non-alcoholic pairings** and **sake**, which once again bridged Eastern and Western drinking cultures at the festival. Each tasting offered a **unique sensory insight** into the character of individual winegrowing regions, the diversity of grape varieties, and the many approaches to production.

The extensive palette of flavours was complemented by a **vibrant selection of interactive workshops** that allowed visitors to experience the world of wine and gastronomy in an entirely new way. Highlights included the creative **Arty Party – painting and wining**, where participants combined art with wine; **Ode to the Traditional Method – Assemblage**, which unveiled the secrets of French expertise and Slovenian passion in sparkling wine production; and the **Masterclass SAKE**, which explored the harmony of umami and culinary pairings. Each workshop offered visitors a **unique experience** where knowledge, creativity, and sensory exploration intertwined, creating an unforgettable festival journey filled with new flavours, stories, and inspiration.

Encounters with Winemakers and the Stories of Slovenian and International Wines

In addition, the festival offered visitors an **in-depth exploration of various wine salons**, showcasing the richness and diversity of the Slovenian wine scene. Among the featured salons were **Mladi vinar**, **Wine Expert**, **Merit HP**, **Vinorodna Štajerska**, **Salon Mabat**, and the **Vipava Valley Consortium**, each presenting its own unique story, philosophy, and selection of wines. In every salon, both **young winemakers**—bringing freshness, innovative approaches, and sustainable methods—and **experienced vintners** continuing long-standing family traditions introduced visitors to their wines and ways of working.

The festival was not only a space for tasting but also a **hub for networking and learning**, where visitors could discover how knowledge and passion are passed down through generations, how tradition interacts with modern approaches, and how different winegrowing regions contribute to the diversity



of Slovenian viticulture. **The *Mladi vinar* salon** stood out in particular, offering young visitors and wine enthusiasts a glimpse into the creativity of a new generation of winemakers, combining innovation, vision, and respect for nature.

This Year's Top-Rated Wines

As part of the expert judging for the 27th Slovenian Wine Festival, held on 7 and 8 November 2025, a seven-member panel led by **Prof. Dr. Tatjana Košmerl** evaluated **130 samples**. The average score was 85.7 points, with the highest averages achieved by **red wines (87.04)** and **sparkling white wines (87.03)**. This year, for the first time in the festival's history, as many as **11 samples received scores above 90 points**—two among sparkling whites, two among dry whites, and seven among red wines.

Winners by Category:

- **Sparkling White Wines:** Vina Sanabor, *Penina Celestia* 2020, Primorska – Kras
- **Still White Wines:** Klet Brda z.o.o., Dobrovo, *Bagueri Rebula* 2021, Primorska – Brda
- **Still Orange Wines:** Vina Sanabor, *Malvazija Natura* 2021, Primorska – Kras
- **Still Red Wines:** Aleksandrović Winery, *Rodoslov* 2019, international wine (Serbia)

Promoting Responsible Drinking for a Safe Journey Home

This year, the event once again collaborated with the **Zavod Varna Pot**, which highlighted the importance of responsible wine consumption and getting home safely. Visitors had the opportunity to take a free breathalyzer test, assess their psychophysical condition, and choose safe transportation, thereby contributing to the realization of the **Vision Zero**.

Announcement of the 28th Slovenian Wine Festival

The organizers are already announcing the **28th Slovenian Wine Festival**, which will take place at **Cankarjev dom on 19 and 20 November 2026**.

More information about the festival, the award winners, and the programs is available on the [Slovenian Wine Festival website](#), as well as on its [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) profiles.

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