Black Sea Winemaking Forum

The Competition and the Ratings "Black Sea Wines"

The Competition and the Ratings "Black Sea Wines 2016" will be held on the sidelines of the III Black Sea Winemaking Forum. The Jury will consist of the leading experts from the countries of the region. Co-chairmen of the Jury: Stanimir Stoyanov (Chairman of the Union of Oenologists of Bulgaria) and Anatoly Korneev, (Executive Director of the Russian Association of Sommeliers)

The competition and the ratings will be based on the blind tasting procedure. The Jury will use the 100 point evaluation system. All wines scored more than 80 points, will be posted in the special bilingual section (detailed information about each wine and its rating will be given in Russian and English languages) on the Forum's web site and on the Internet resources of the relevant partner branch and corporate media. These ratings will give a start for the new independent platform for the Black Sea Region wines international evaluation, which is needed by the for the consumers especially from the Russian speaking world, who in general cannot follow the usual world known English ratings.

The samples of the still-white, still-red and still-rose wines; as well as the samples of the fortified and the sparkling wines can be submitted for these ratings and competition tasting.

The Competition "Black Sea Wines 2016" will be held in the following 5 Grand Prix categories: 1) the best still unoaked white wine; 2) the best still oaked white wine; 3) the best still red wine, vintage 2014 or younger; 4) the best red wine, the 2013 vintage or older; 5) the best rosé wine. The best wine in all 5 categories of each participating country from the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC) will be also announced. The best wine in each of these 5 categories will be announced in the common nomination for the wines from the countries, which are not members of the BSEC.

The fortified and the sparkling wines this year will be assessed by the Jury only for compiling of the wine rating, these types of wine will not take part in the competition. This year the spirits cannot be accepted for the rating and competition. The companies which do not take part in the Forum, can submit the sample for the competition and ratings only upon the special decision made by the Forum's Board.

Participation in the 2016 "Black Sea Wines" ratings and competition is free! Participating companies wishing to submit their wines for rating and competition must register each sample separately using the registration form provided with this info sheet **until 10 June 2016**. The registration form has to be sent to the Forum's address **blackseawinemaking@gmail.com**

The product samples (each sample in the volume not less than 2 bottles for *0.75 l* or equivalent) have to be submitted by Forum's participants to the Jury in the restaurant *"Peter the Great"* at the hotel *"Radisson Lazurnaya"* before **15:00 on 29 June 2016**. It is better to submit samples by 28 June 2016, starting from 10:00 am. The samples can be also sent in advance, starting from 20 June 2016. The representatives of the Forum's Board will stay in Sochi hotel *"Radisson Lazurnaya"* from 20 June 2016 (see the contacts of the Board on next page). The wine samples can be sent also by express mail (the DHL is preferable) to the hotel *"Radisson Lazurnaya"* until **20 June 2016**. The exact address and the name of the contact person will be sent to the competition and ratings participants as soon as they register each sample by sending the completed registration form.

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