



2013 Young Sommeliers Contest FACTS FOR THE MEDIA

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1. Sponsored by the Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs.
2. The U.S. contest is called the National Young Sommeliers Competition, and the winner is called the Best Young Sommelier for that year.
3. The international contest is called the Concours International des Jeunes Sommeliers.
4. The U.S. winner receives a \$2,000 scholarship, gold medal and trophy as well as the opportunity to compete in the international contest.
5. The international winner is known as the International Best Young Sommelier.
6. Contestants must be at least 21 years of age but not more than 35 years of age on September 1, 2013.
7. The 2013 national contest is set for May 4 in Sonoma, California.
8. The 2013 international contest is set for October 18 in Washington, D.C.
9. The national contest began in 2002.
10. The international contest began in 2007.
11. The U.S. has won the international competition four of six years. The winners were Christopher Bates in 2012, Ian Cauble in 2011, Chris Miller in 2008 and Drew Hendricks in 2007.
12. Teams of professionals in the wine industry judge the contests. The names of this year's judges will be available following each contest.
13. The national and international contests include a written exam, service exam, and blind tasting.
14. A sample application form and manual about the U.S. competition are available at www.chaineus.org under the Outreach pull-down menu.
15. Information about the international contest may be found at www.chainedesrotisseurs.com.
16. The U.S. competition typically includes 10 contestants, one each from the ten geographic areas that make up the U.S. Chapter of the Chaîne.
17. The wine society within the U.S. Chaîne is called the Société Mondiale du Vin.
18. The wine society within the international Chaîne is called l'Ordre Mondial des Gourmets Dégustateurs.
19. The Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs is a not-for-profit organization comprised of professionals in all areas of the food and wine industries as well as amateur gourmands.
20. There are currently about 6,000 members in the U.S. and 22,000 members worldwide.