

STATUTE OF THE COMPETITION OF SACRAMENTAL WINES



IN VINO GRATITUDO

2026 SLOVACIÆ

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TITLE

Competition and Exhibition of Sacramental Wines **IN VINO GRATITUDO 2026 SLOVACIÆ**

VENUE

5 MAY 2026 – Competition part – MEA GRATI, vinohrady a vinárstvo, Tokajská ul. – Hatfa, Viničky

11 JUNE 2026 – Public part of the competition – DKC Veritas, Dominikánske námestie 8 – Košice

ORGANISER OF THE COMPETITION

MEA GRATI, a.s., vineyards a winery Ladmovce a Viničky, IČO: 54529603

Statutory Representative: Ing. Mgr. Juraj Mičko, MSc., Chairman of the board

PATRONAGE:

Mons. Bernard Bober, Archbishop-Metropolitan of the Archdiocese of Košice

Archbishop Cyril Vasil SJ, Eparchial Bishop of the Slovak Catholic Eparchy of Košice

I. ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE:

Competition Director: Ing. Mgr. Juraj Mičko, MSc.

Expert Guarantor for the Competition Section: Ing. Martin Podžuban

Chairman of the Evaluation Committees: Ing. Viktor Murín

Expert Advisor for Liturgical Affairs: ThLic. Ján Urban, MBA



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II. OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION

The main goal of the competition is to **present and support the production and sale of sacramental wines**, particularly to promote these wines and winemaking among consumers, while also raising awareness of sacramental wines among the general public. An important aspect of the event is the exchange of experiences between Slovak and international wineries, as well as the development of social and business relationships. The competition aims to include primarily wines from Slovakia, but also from Poland, Hungary, France, Italy, Austria, and potentially other countries.

III. COMPETITION CATEGORIES AND LIMITS OF RESIDUAL SUGAR CONTENT

BSU – PSU	White dry wines (0 – 4 g/l or up to 9 g/l, if the total acid content expressed in grams of tartaric acid per litre is not more than 2 grams lower than the residual sugar content) and White semi-dry (4 – 12 g/l or up to 18 g/l, if the total acid content expressed in grams of tartaric acid per litre is not more than 10 grams lower than the residual sugar content)*
BPSL	semi-sweet wines (12 – 45 g/l)*
RS	Rosé dry wines (0 – 4/9g/l)*
RPS	Rosé semi-dry (4 – 12/18 g/l) and semi-sweet wines (12 – 45 g/l)*
ČS	Red dry wines (0 – 4/9 g/l)*
ČPS	Red semi-dry (4 – 12/18 g/l)* and semi-sweet wines (12 – 45 g/l)*
S	Natural sweet wines regardless of colour (above 45 g/l)*
T	Tokaj selection wines
L	Liqueur wines

The submitted wines must comply with the applicable regulations for the production of sacramental wines:

- the wines must meet the requirements of Canon Law in accordance with the applicable regulations,
- the wines must be approved by the competent archdiocesan authority,
- the label must be properly marked in accordance with applicable EU and Slovak legislation and identified as sacramental wine (if labelling is not required, the winemaker shall replace it with a winemaker's declaration).

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The registered wines must comply with the valid regulations for the production of sacramental wines. Each competitor must submit with the samples a copy of the certificate authorizing them to produce sacramental wines (for a foreign winemaker, this may be replaced, with the organiser's approval, by a declaration from the winemaker and the statutory representative of the producing company).

The competition organiser reserves the right to reject an application upon the recommendation of the competition's professional guarantor if the samples do not meet the competition's requirements or if their quality and labelling do not correspond to the intentions and level of the competition.

** Wines will be classified into competition categories and tasting order based on the residual sugar content, including consideration of the acid content, see Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/33 - Annex III., Part B.*

IV. DATES AND VENUES

REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION OF SAMPLES:

Until 24 APRIL 2026 – Registration of samples by sending the application form via email, post or in person.

Until 28 APRIL 2026 – Delivery of registered samples by post or personal collection at the designated locations:

WESTERN SLOVAKIA: **Bratislava: Datacomp s.r.o., Jarabinková 8G, 821 09 Bratislava**

Contact person: Mário Tóth, +421 915 333 707

Nitra: Hanko wine, Bitá 2223, Nitra 5

Contact person: Mário Tóth, +421 915 333 707

CENTRAL SLOVAKIA: **Veľký Krtíš: MOVINO, spol. s r.o., Osloboditeľov 66, 990 01**

Contact person: Ing. Peter Pál, +421 902 984 404

EASTERN SLOVAKIA: **Košice: KOŠICE HOTEL s.r.o. , Moldavská cesta 51 , 040 11**

Contact person: p. Mário Tóth, 0915 333 707

Viničky : Vinárstvo MEA GRATI, Tokajská ul. – Hatfa

Contact person: Mário Tóth, +421 915 333 707

If required, it's possible to arrange for personal collection with the operations manager, Mr. Toth, by prior phone arrangement at number: +421 915 333 707, or via email at sutaz.ivg@meagrati.sk.

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5 MAY 2026 - PROFESSIONAL PART OF THE COMPETITION IN VINO GRATITUDO 2026 SLOVACIÆ

Competition part (evaluation of registered wines):

- 8:00 – 8:45:** Arrival and presentation of the members of the evaluation panel at MEA GRATI
- 9:00 – 9:10:** Opening of the competition – professional part at MEA GRATI
- 9:10 – 12:00:** Expert evaluation of wines by committees at MEA GRATI
- 12:30 – 13:30:** Lunch for members of the evaluation committees and invited guests.
- 14:00 – 14:45:** Evaluation of the competition and the blessing of sacramental wines

Afternoon part

(program for priest and consecrated persons: Opening of project Path of Gratitude):

- 13:30 – 14:00:** Arrival of the guests
- 14:00 – 14:45:** Evaluation of the competition and the blessing of sacramental wines
- 14:45 – 15:00:** Introduction to the *Path of Gratitude* with the creators and the Friars Minor
- 15:00 – 15:30:** Blessing of the vineyard and devotion to St. Francis (patron of the MEA GRATI winery and vineyards)
- 15:30 – 15:50:** Praise and worship
- Od 15:50:** Spiritual journey along the *Path of Gratitude* and sales exhibition of painting „*Art for the glory of God*” by Veronika FITART
- Od 16:50:** Tasting of sacramental wines and discussion with the winemaker at the MEA GRATI winery

11. 6. 2026 - PUBLIC PART OF THE COMPETITION IN VINO GRATITUDO 2026 SLOVACIÆ (DKC Veritas, Dominikánske námestie 8 – Košice)

Ceremonial evaluation of the competition, program a sacramental wine tasting

- 16:30 – 20:00:** Ceremonial evaluation of the sacramental wine competition, prize awards, exhibition of sacramental wines, sacramental wine tasting for the public

The public part of the competition includes the music and wine pairing with live music performed by the singer Dominika Gurbaľová and the violinist Anna Tinathová, an opportunity for an open discussion with guests from the fields of production and liturgical use of sacramental wines, as well as a special chance to explore the liturgical service areas through a historical tour of the Dominican Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, the monastery, and the accessible parts of the crypts.



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V. EVALUATION SYSTEM

The evaluation system is based on a 100-point scale, according to the International Union of Oenol – ogists (U.I.O.E). The final score of the evaluated wine will be a numerical value determined from the calculated average of internal values after eliminating the highest and lowest values. The evaluation panels will consist of at least five judges. All panel chairpersons must hold a valid judge certification. The competition organiser appoints and designates the evaluation panels.

Each competition sample must consist of 3 bottles with a volume of 0.5 to 0.75 litres for competition purposes.

If you wish to include a competition wine sample in the public exhibition, presentation, and tasting held during the ceremonial evaluation of the competition, you are required to provide an additional three bottles per exhibited sample along with the competition entry. Providing tasting samples is voluntary. The conditions for the public exhibition, presentation, and tasting of the submitted samples will be specified by the organiser. The applicant may arrange any related matters concerning the exhibition and tasting of wine tasting samples directly with the organiser.

There is no fee for samples. Samples (competition and tasting) submitted to the competition become the property of the organiser.

Each sample must be identified in the application with the following information: wine name, main variety, attribute, vintage, category, alcohol volume in %, acidity in g/l, residual sugar in g/l. The category of the competition sample will be precisely declared in the application in accordance with point III of this Statute.



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VI. PRIZES

Winner of the category	the highest scoring wine in the competition's respective category
Grand Gold Medal	92,00 – 100,00 points
Gold medal	88,00 – 91,99 points
Silver medal	84,00 – 87,99 points
Champion Slovak Republic	which receives the highest score in expert evaluation (individually).
Champion Foreign countries	wine from areas outside the territory of the Slovak Republic, which receives the highest score in expert evaluation (individually).
Champion of TVO, VVO	wine from the territory of <i>Territory of Protected Designation of Origin - Vinohradnícka oblasť Tokaj and Východoslovenská vinohradnícka oblasť</i> , which receives the highest score in expert evaluation (individually).

Best Wine Collection (evaluated by the highest number of Gold and Silver Medals, in case of a tie, the overall score of the collection decides).

In the case of successful wines, prizes may be also awarded by significant guests/archbishops.

The winner of the category and Champion for the respective region will not be awarded if the relevant category does not contain at least 5 wine samples. The organizing committee may decide to merge categories in the case of a small number of competition samples in a given category.

The point evaluation of registered wines will be sent to the respective registrant. The results and point evaluations of medal-winning and awarded wines will be published.



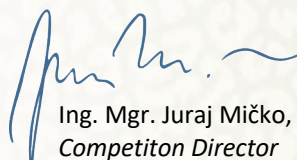
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VII. FINAL PROVISIONS

By submitting the application and providing the competition samples for the **IN VINO GRATITUDO 2026 Slovakia** competition, the applicant confirms their acceptance of the competition rules as set out in this statute. The organiser will publish the competition statute, application form and results on the MEA GRATI organiser's website: www.meagrati.sk/ivg



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