

2º CONCURSO MUNDIAL DE CARIÑENAS/CARIGNANS “C.M.C. 2026”



Cariñena, 10 November 2026
Venue: Tasting Room, Bodega Tierra de Cubas, S.L.

1° ORGANISATION

Cariñena PDO Regulatory Council

Address: Camino de la Platera No. 7

50400 CARIÑENA (Zaragoza), Spain

Website: www.elvinodelaspiedras.es

The Cariñena PDO Regulatory Council organises the **2nd World Carignan**

Competition "C.M.C. 2026" under these regulations.

The World Carignan Competition is organised in accordance with the rules set out below.

These regulations may be consulted by any person upon request to the Cariñena PDO Regulatory Council.

2° OBJECTIVES

The **"C.M.C. 2026"** competition is organised for:

All wines of the world made from the Carignan grape variety and protected by a geographical indication, included in the following categories:

- Carignan ≥ 85% (single-varietal)
- Carignan ≥ 50% and < 85% (blend)

Each wine must comply with the legislation in force in its country of production and with the geographical indication under which it is marketed.

The objective of the competition is to reward quality wines produced from the **Carignan** grape variety.

3° SUBJECT

Wines bearing a geographical indication (PDO, PGI, AOP, IGP, etc.) from all countries and all wine-producing regions are eligible to compete.

4° ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Participation is restricted to:

- Winegrower-producers
- Wine cooperatives
- Unions of wine cooperatives
- Producers' associations
- Wine merchants and négociants
- Producer-merchants
- Wine traders and merchants

5° CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

The conditions for entry are as follows:

- The wines entered must be bottled wines and correctly labelled.
- Commercial labels must comply with:
 - EU legislation for Member States of the European Union;
 - The legislation in force in the country of production and the import requirements of other countries.
- The wine entered must be intended for sale and originate from a homogeneous batch of at least 1,000 litres.

- A smaller volume may be accepted in cases of exceptionally limited production, provided that production exceeds 225 litres.

6° SAMPLES

To participate, wines must originate from a homogeneous batch. Each sample shall be submitted as follows:

- Two 75 cl bottles per sample (or an equivalent minimum volume of 1.5 litres where bottle sizes differ).
- Bottles must bear their commercial label.

The Cariñena PDO Regulatory Council reserves the right to request two additional bottles for prize-winning wines only. These bottles may be used for promotional activities following the competition.

7° ENTRY PROCEDURE

To validate an entry, applicants must complete the online [registration form](#) or send a copy of the form for each product entered before 10 October 2026 to:

departamentotecnico@elvinodelaspiedras.es

The entry form for each product must include:

- Full and accurate identification of the entrant holding the right to market or distribute the batch corresponding to the sample.
- The exact product designation according to the regulations in force in the country of origin, colour, vintage and/or ageing period, together with details regarding the presence or absence of contact with oak.
- The product category.
- The percentage and colour of the Carignan variety present in the wine, together with all other grape varieties included in the blend.
- The volume available for sale corresponding to the entered product.
- Payment. **For the year 2026, entry fees are waived.**

The Cariñena PDO Regulatory Council receives the samples, registration forms and entry fees (waived for 2026) and rejects any entries that do not comply with these regulations. The entrant is responsible for the accuracy of all information provided on the entry form.

8° PARTICIPATION FEES AND PAYMENT TERMS

For Spain and EU countries:

Participation fee per sample entered in **C.M.C. 2026: €0 including VAT (€0.00 excluding VAT + 21% VAT).**

9° SAMPLE DELIVERY PROCEDURE

Each sample must be delivered to:

CRDOP CARIÑENA

Camino de la Platera, No. 7

50400 CARIÑENA

(Zaragoza), Spain

No later than 30 October 2026

Delivery hours: Monday to Friday, from 08:00 to 14:00.

Participants are free to choose their carrier. Shipment of samples shall be at the participant's expense and responsibility, including transport costs, customs duties and any charges payable by the sender. Any sample sent carriage forward will be refused. Samples that do not comply with these Regulations will also be rejected.

Once received, samples become the property of the CRDOP CARIÑENA.

10° INSPECTION AND STORAGE OF RECEIVED SAMPLES

CRDOP CARIÑENA shall verify the samples received and the official documents accompanying them. Any material errors may be corrected and samples that do not comply with these Regulations shall be rejected.

CRDOP CARIÑENA emphasises the importance of the proper use of Protected Designations of Origin and Geographical Indications. Labelling of products produced within EU Member States must comply with EU legislation; products from other countries must comply with the regulations in force in their respective countries of production.

Following verification, CRDOP CARIÑENA shall classify the samples according to the characteristics declared on the entry form or those subsequently verified.

The organiser shall store all samples in a secure facility under temperature and environmental conditions suitable for wine preservation.

11° CLASSIFICATION OF WINES AND ORDER OF PRESENTATION

Following inspection and based on the registration documents and the accuracy of the information provided for each category, the samples shall be grouped according to origin and type.

Samples shall be presented anonymously to the judging panels in descending order of vintage.

12° SELECTION OF JUDGES

The judging panels, whose number will vary according to the quantity and type of samples submitted, shall assess the wines entered in the competition.

CRDOP CARIÑENA shall appoint and select the judges. Each panel shall normally consist of five judges. Under no circumstances may a panel consist of fewer than three judges.

Judges shall be wine professionals with recognised tasting experience and expertise.

The jury may include both national and international judges from the principal Carignan-producing regions of the world.

Each panel shall operate under the responsibility of a Chairperson appointed by CRDOP CARIÑENA.

The Chairperson shall oversee the proper conduct of the tasting sessions, ensure the quality of the wines served, and validate the tasting score sheets.

The duties of the Chairperson include:

1. Ensuring absolute secrecy and anonymity of the wines.
2. Requesting the tasting of a second bottle whenever deemed necessary.

13° CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE TASTING PROCESS

The competition shall be organised under the principle of absolute anonymity.

To guarantee full confidentiality, judges shall not be able to identify the wine, its origin, price, previous scores or awards received.

The panels shall meet in a quiet, isolated, well-lit and properly ventilated tasting room. Access shall be strictly prohibited to anyone not involved in the organisation of the tasting.

A separate room, out of the sight and reach of the judges, shall be reserved for uncorking and anonymising the bottles. In all cases, bottles shall be placed in packaging designed to conceal their shape and ensure the anonymity of the sample.

CRDOP CARIÑENA shall guarantee optimum tasting conditions for all judges.

Each wine shall be assessed individually and on a non-comparative basis. Each judge shall use the official OIV tasting sheet and record their assessments independently, applying the scoring scale established therein, using the medium provided by the organiser.

The assessment of wines shall cover the following criteria:

- Visual appearance
- Aroma and bouquet
- Palate impression
- Overall impression

CRDOP CARIÑENA shall supervise the proper organisation of the C.M.C. 2026 competition, including sample preparation and the conduct of the tasting sessions.

Each sample shall be awarded a numerical score corresponding to the arithmetic mean of the total scores awarded by the members of the jury panel.

Where the Competition Management has authorised a second tasting of a sample, only the score obtained during the second tasting shall be considered.

The scores shall be recorded and processed using the system established by the organiser and retained for the management and publication of the results.

The organiser shall ensure the validation, control, processing and publication of the results by means of an appropriate assessment record system.

14° AWARDS

The awards system adopted is based on qualitative assessment and enables wines produced from the Carignan grape variety to be ranked according to their intrinsic quality.

The following distinctions shall be awarded in each competition category:

Single-Varietal Carignan

- **Grand Gold Medal:** score ≥ 95 points
- **Gold Medal:** score ≥ 90 and < 95 points
- **Silver Medal:** score ≥ 85 and < 90 points

Carignan Blend

- **Grand Gold Medal:** score ≥ 95 points
- **Gold Medal:** score ≥ 90 and < 95 points

- **Silver Medal:** score ≥ 85 and < 90 points

The results will be published once the competition has ended, and the producers of the award-winning wines will be notified.

CRDOP CARIÑENA shall issue a **Diploma** to each award-winning entrant, specifying:

- The distinction obtained
- The identity of the wine
- The declared volume
- The name and address of the award recipient

Competition results shall be disseminated as widely as possible through all appropriate communication channels, including websites, specialised wine media, gastronomy media and the general press.

15° FORCE MAJEURE AND AMENDMENTS

Should circumstances beyond the control of CRDOP CARIÑENA prevent the proper organisation of the competition, the Competition shall not be held liable.

CRDOP CARIÑENA reserves the right to cancel the competition, amend the scheduled date, shorten or extend it, or modify its conditions or conduct in the event of force majeure, including but not limited to epidemics, fire, flooding, natural disasters, strikes, acts of terrorism, or any other justified circumstance beyond its control.

No compensation shall be payable under such circumstances.

CRDOP CARIÑENA shall not be liable for theft, loss, delay or damage occurring during the transport of samples.

16° CONTROLS

CRDOP CARIÑENA reserves the right to reject any incomplete or inaccurate entry and to remove any sample that does not comply with these Regulations.

CRDOP CARIÑENA shall have sole authority to settle any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of these Regulations.

The organisers reserve the right, where necessary, to carry out analytical testing of award-winning samples through an authorised oenological laboratory.

17° PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION

Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of these Regulations.

Participation fees and shipping costs shall not be reimbursed if samples, entry documents and/or payment are received after the closing date for registration.

These Regulations shall enter into force on 1 September 2026 for the 2nd World Carignan Competition “C.M.C. 2026”.

**Secretary of the Cariñena PDO
Claudio Herrero Ezquerro**

Note: This English translation is provided for information purposes only and is intended to facilitate the understanding of the Competition Regulations by international participants. In the event of any discrepancy, ambiguity, interpretation issue or dispute, the original Spanish version of the Regulations shall prevail and shall be the sole legally binding text.