

Dear colleagues!

The All-Russian National Research Institute of Viticulture and Winemaking “Magarach” of the Russian Academy of Sciences together with the Union of Winemakers of Crimea are holding the 38th International Professional Wine Competition “Yalta. Golden Griffin-2018” between 9 July and 5 August, 2018. The wine products will be assessed in the following categories: grape wines; sparkling (champagne) wines; fruit and berry wines; cognacs and strong drinks.

High quality samples will gain awards. The competition will consist of blind and open tastings where wine samples will be discussed and evaluated. Excursions to the wineries of the Southern coast of Crimea will be organized for the participants. The competition is a master class for professionals, a place for communication and establishing contacts, as well as consultations with scientists in the fields of viticulture and winemaking.

Our Union in brief. The All-Russian National Research Institute of Viticulture and Winemaking “Magarach” of the Russian Academy of Sciences made itself well known in Europe in the 1960s-1980s, when about 40 varieties of grapevines resistant to unfavorable environmental conditions (frost, humidity, and salinity) were created by its researchers. The Institute is a proud owner of one of the richest collections of grape varieties and a collection of microorganisms for winemaking. In October 2018, the institute will celebrate its 190th anniversary. In 1995 the Institute organized a public organization The Union of Winemakers.

The Crimean peninsula is situated in the south of Russia; the Southern coast of Crimea is a particularly favorable zone of dry subtropics known for its natural resources, historical and cultural monuments. Viticulture and winemaking here was founded by ancient Greeks.

We will be happy to see you among our guests and assist you in networking with experts in the field of winemaking and viticulture as well as organize visits to the memorable places of Crimea.