

Technical book on wine analysis receives the OIV Grand Prize

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The technical book “Analytik des Weines - untersuchen und bewerten” (Wine Analysis - Investigation and Evaluation) has been awarded the “Grand Prix de l'OIV 2020” in the oenology (study of wines) category by the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (Organisation Internationale de la Vigne et du Vin; OIV). Professor Dr. Reiner Wittkowski, former Vice President of the BfR, is co-editor of this work together with Prof. Dr. Helmut Dietrich and Dr. Herbert Ottener.

The anthology, published in 2019 by Ulmer Verlag publishing house, delves into wine analysis, which has recently undergone rapid development. The text contributions were written by renowned scientists, including Dr. Carsten Faulh-Hasek, Head of the Senior Expert Office for the Import Control of Wine at the BfR.

The authors discuss the entire spectrum of ingredients relevant for assessment, such as alcohols, sugar, acids, minerals and aroma components as well as additives, residues and contaminants. In addition to modern approaches in instrumental analysis, for example, for identity and authenticity control, classical chemical methods are presented, which still have reference status in the European Union to some extent.

The development of many of these methods, their validation for international recognition and the possibilities for interpreting results were significantly influenced by the BfR and its predecessor institutes. This was done in close cooperation with the BfR Committee for Wine and Fruit Juice Analyses and the German federal states' (“Laender”) wine monitoring bodies.

The OIV is an intergovernmental scientific and technical organisation. Since 2001, it has focused on products in viticulture, such as grapes, vines, wine, wine-based drinks and other vine products. An international jury awards the OIV prize each year in eleven categories. Virtual awards are planned for this year because of the coronavirus.

Further information on the BfR website:

Overview page with links to all publications on the topic of wine (in German)

https://www.bfr.bund.de/de/a-z_index/wein-4598.html

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