

ORDRE DES CHEVALIERS BREVINS

Bailliage Grande Bretagne

Le Bouteille d'Or (The Golden Bottle)

The Order of the Chevalier Knights Brevins was founded in 1948 and will soon celebrate its 80th anniversary! It has inducted more than 3,400 Chevalier Knights and Lady Duchesses Anne.

- The aims of the Order of Brevins are:
- The promotion of the products of the Pays Nantais, particularly its great wines (e.g. Muscadet) and its regional cuisine.
- The maintenance and re-establishment of the festivals, customs and traditions of Upper Breton folklore.
- 3- The development of tourism in the Nantes region and all events that can serve this purpose.



In 1953 the first Bouteille d'Or was awarded to the commune of Mouzillon and its winemakers.

The Golden Bottle is awarded to the commune whose winemakers have secured the most accolades across various wine competitions: the Ligiers, the Paris competition, the Prix Clémence and the Pipette. Points are tallied based on Gold, Silver and Bronze medals, and the result is weighted according to the surface area planted with Muscadet vines within the commune.

The formula - carefully guarded within the OCB - determines the winning commune. The municipality that receives the Bouteille d'Or (Golden Bottle) keeps it for a year and is ineligible for the award for the next five years. Thus, any municipality - large or small - can vie for this distinction.

While the first Bouteille d'Or was awarded to Mouzillon in 1953, Monnieres received the honor in 1990 and now, again for only the second time in 2026. The people involved may have changed and winemaking methods have evolved, but the *terroir* remains the same. The tireless work of the winegrowers who cultivate the land, maintain it, and shape the beautiful Nantais landscape is being rewarded, making the Bouteille d'Or a truly well-deserved honour. In 2026 what could be more inspiring than seeing four young winegrowers in Monnieres dedicating themselves to their work. Congratulations to them.