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Welcome to the Défi de Dégustation de Vins.

The FICB has recommended a challenge across its membership societies, whereby members of the FICB brotherhoods, who choose to participate, will be challenged with five unknown wines. Contestants will be tasked to identify the specific varietal of each wine. In addition to the test of one's tasting skills, the challenge awards the participant with recognition of successful conquest of the competition.



Each brotherhood has been charged with developing its own rules, and as a society of membership spread out across the globe, ours will look a bit different from others. **Le Défi de Dégustation de Vins**, the Renaud Society Challenge, will be held twice a year, the first which will be in May 2023! Five tasting samples, of 150 ml each, will be sent to you and you will be given time to respond with your answers through the society portal.

Each participant will be awarded a pin with ribbon that may be worn on the society neck garment that bears the society medal (older), or the newer Renaud Tastevin. The medal and ribbon, a different color based on final grade in the tasting, will be mailed at the termination of the challenge. For those who have not yet been awarded the society neck garment, or would like to upgrade to the society tastevin, please contact us by email. The neck garment is to be worn at all society events, and I am very, very happy to report that we will have live events in the coming months scheduled for this year and next!

Participation in **Le Défi de Dégustation de Vins**, is now open for May 2023. The cost is \$150 for members of the society! Friends who are non-society members may be invited to participate at a cost of \$175 and allows a perfect opportunity for a tasting event at your home! Fees paid to the society, a registered 501(C)3 nonprofit, may be tax-deductible. We advise you consult your accountant.

Sign up now through this PayPal payment link, and your package will arrive to you with full instructions early May. You will have until May 31 to submit your responses. https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=LXQWTYVRYA6C2

Please join in the competition, and remember the competition is with yourself, and have fun with it. Wines tasted will be of a dominant varietal, and have what is felt to be reasonable character that one would expect of that varietal.

Awards: Less than three correct : medal with blue ribbon

3 or more correct : medal with silver ribbon

5 correct: medal with gold ribbon

We look forward to hearing from you.

Your Renaud Society

