



COPA REINA HIDROMIEL 2021



3^o SPANISH
MEAD
CONTEST

The III Spanish Mead Contest, **Copa Reina 2021**, is organised by the Asociación Española de Hidromiel (**AESHI**) and its community, with the aim of publicizing and promoting the **production of mead** from home to commercial level, without profit.



DATE AND PLACE OF CELEBRATION



The event will take place in **Madrid**



**13th - 14th
November, 2021**

- The **tasting of the jury** will be held during the event, as well as the award ceremony at the end of it.

PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION

● Participants must be at least **18 years old**. Separate modalities will be established at the beginning for *professional and amateur brewers*.

- **Professionals:** Anyone who works in a commercial meaderie, even if the mead has not been brewed in the meaderie. (They are also included gipsy brewers).

- **Amateurs:** Everybody else.

● The contest will be governed at all times by the regulations and specifications of the **Beer Judge Certification Program** and the presented styles will always be evaluated based on the style guide published in 2015. You can see it by clicking here in English or here in Spanish.

https://www.bjcp.org/docs/2015_Guidelines_Mead.pdf



● Based on that style guide, **4 categories** are established:

M1 - Traditional mead.

M2 - Mead with fruit (*melomel*).

M3 - Spiced mead (*metheglin*).

M4 - Special mead (*including braggot, historic and exotic variants*).

● In case there were too many meads in a category, it would be studied to open subcategories within that category.

● The **organization reserves the right to relocate an entry into another category** if it considers that the inclusion in that category by the participant does not fit to the indicated style, without this causing any penalty.

● An entry consist in presenting a mead to the contest.

● Entries will be restricted to a **maximum of 2 meads per participant and category/subcategory**.

● **The mead tasting will always be carried out according to the declared style** (a “fit to style” type tasting), some honorable mention may be given if any of them, despite not fully adjusting in the declared style, stand out for its characteristics among the others, being also candidate to be awarded with the Best of Show if it deserved it.

● **The organization reserves the right to exclude from the competition** those meads that do not meet any of the requirements.

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● To avoid situation of previous contests:

-Winners of Copa Reina 2021, when publishing/posting any info about the prizes are obliged to include the modality/ category, the prize and the contest edition:

Example: XXX Meaderie has won the bronze medal in melomel commercial meads in Copa Reina 2021.

- **Copa Reina 2021** contest does not give “best european mead” prizes, nor any other titles apart from the expose earlier.

- The prizes of the winner who does **not observe this rule will be taken down**, leaving them void.

● The participation on **the contest implies the acceptance of all its rules**.

REGISTRATION FEE

● The registration fee will be € 20 per entry for commercial producers and € 5 per entry for amateurs.

● Payment will be made when formalizing the inscription in the contest in the account →

Bank account number	ES86 0073 0100 5505 0605 3779 (OpenBank)
Concept	COPA REINA de HIDROMIEL categoria COMERCIAL/CASERA
Beneficiary	AESHI
	€

● The payment must be done before **7th October 2021**. If it is not done, the participant's registration will be revoked and they will be out of the competition.

BOTTLE REQUIREMENTS, PACKAGING AND SHIPPING

● For each entry, at least **3 bottles of 33cl** (larger formats are accepted too) must be presented, without labels, marks or the possibility of recognising their procedence by any means. Crown cap, cork or ceramic stopper of any color will be accepted as long as they do not have anything that made the participant recognisable.

● Those participants who present fewer bottles of the minimum required, smaller sizes from those indicated, or who present any evidence of the brand or label will be **automatically disqualified** from the contest.

● If, during the reception of the bottles, any became damaged during transport, **an e-mail would be sent to the participant** so that, in the shortest possible time, he/she would send as many additional bottles as damaged bottles.

● To guarantee the quality of the tasting sheets made by the judges, **the maximum number of meads admitted to the contest will be 100**, in strict order of registration. However, if the number of judges allows it, the judges's number will be expanded, notifying the organization with enough time.

● Those **interested in participating must fill out the form** provided on the website <https://copareinahidromiel.com/competicion/> **1st September 2021 to 30 th September 2021**.

● The way to package the mead for shipment is left to the discretion of the participant, but it is recommended that the bottles are packaged, **properly guarded and separated from each other by cardboard**, in a suitable box, with the word **FRAGILE** written on all sides and arrows indicating the vertical position.

● Each of the bottles must **be identified with its respective label, rolled up to the bottle, and hold with a elastic rubber** (without adhesive); otherwise, participation may be dismissed. **Contest labels can be found in the Copa Reina website.** <https://copareinahidromiel.com/competicion/>

● At the time a shipment or delivery is received, the organizers and the collaborating companies will verify that said delivery meets the requirements. In case the previously specified conditions are not fulfilled or the product arrives defective, **the promoters of the contest will contact the participant in order to solve the observed incidents.**

● **At the time of registration, the mead will receive an internal code from the organization and collaborators**, based on its registration order, and which will serve to identify it in the tastings, which will always be carried out blindly to ensure objectivity of the jury.

● The received bottles will be kept in a dry and cool place for their conservation and will be labeled with their registration code, both on the bottle and on the veneer. The organization will have a document containing the names of the contestant producers and the number assigned at the time of registration. Said document will be protected by the organization and cannot be viewed by third parties.

● The bottles may be delivered, within the dates established to:



Cervezas Yria, Calle Lisboa 6 nave 3, CP: 28342. Valdemoro, Madrid
(de L a V de 07:00 a 15:00)
Phone: **630 46 12 97**



Mode	_____	Ingredients	_____
Name	_____		_____
Style	_____		_____
ABV	_____ %		_____
Sweetness	_____	Sulfites	_____
Gas	_____	Processes	_____
Honey	_____		_____



DEADLINES

- Registration period from **September 1st, 2021 to September 30th, 2021**.
- Terms for shipping and receiving mead from **October 1st, 2021 to October 31st, 2021**. Any parcel that arrives after this date will be discarded.
- However, the organization reserves the right to extend the deadlines if it considers it necessary.
- The organization, for reasons of overwhelming force, **has the power to suspend or extend the dates of the contest** or the selection of the winners.

JURY OF THE CONTEST

The jury of the contest, as a general rule, will be composed of experts in the preparation and tasting of mead, as well as homebrewers, professionals certified in the **BJCP** program (who will ensure the correct tastings), specialized bloggers, sommeliers and other people related to the sector.

TASTING AND VALUATION PROCESS

- The jury will make its evaluations on an official evaluation sheet, filling in one (each judge) for each mead submitted to the contest.
- The organization will carry out a single elimination round between all the participating meads. In this round will be used the Copa Reina 2021 Scoresheet. All participating meads will be evaluated by at least three (ideally four if circumstances allow) judges, so three score sheets or check list will be returned to participants per entry submitted.
- In this round, those meads that have obvious signs of contamination, are not within the required style or do not comply with the contest rules will be discarded.
- At the end of the previous round 8 meads of each modality will compete for the BOS prize.
- The tasting by the jury will take place on November 13th at the Escuela Española de Cata, Madrid.
- To be eligible for any of the contest prizes, the meads evaluated must achieve at least a score of 30 points on the **BJCP** scale, so one or more prizes may be declared void.

AWARD CEREMONY

The award ceremony will be held on **Sunday, November 14th**, the place and the time are not yet determined but we will announce them with time enough from AESHI social networks.
<https://www.facebook.com/asociacionespanolahidromiel/>



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