



2,000 for the cocktail "Al Ándalus", by Víctor Manuel Suárez, best "Spanish" cocktail of the year 2025

The bartender Víctor Manuel Suárez Mora, from Tenerife, won first prize at Gourmets this afternoon in the 14th National Cocktail Competition organized by the Zamora distillery Orujos Panizo. Cristian Monasterio, from Gijón, won second prize with his cocktail "Recuerdos de mi abuela", and bartender María Rodríguez, from Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, won third place with her cocktail "Panizo in Love".

Arabian reminiscences and taste of a mixture of cultures. The cocktail "Al Ándalus" by barman Víctor Manuel Suárez has obtained the highest score from the Jury in the 14th National Panizo Cocktail Contest held this afternoon at the Salón Gourmets.

The cocktail, prepared in a teapot as a mixed glass and served in Arabic-style glasses, is made with 2.5 cl. of Morujito, 2.5 cl. of Tostado Liqueur, 1 cl. of Herbal Liqueur, 5.5 cl. of ginger spiced green tea and 1 cl. of ginger spiced green tea. Of green tea spiced with ginger, lime and cinnamon and 1 cl. of Monin vanilla syrup. It is finished with a grapefruit and orange scent.

The Jury has also recognized in second and third place the cocktails "Recuerdos de mi abuela", by the Asturian bartender Cristian Monasterio and "Panizo in love", by María Rodríguez from the Canary Islands, which have won a cash prize of 1000€ and 500€ respectively.

The contest, presented by journalist José Ribagorda and FABE's board member, Pepe Dioni, has been 14 years recognizing the talent and creativity of the best bartenders in Spain when it comes to making a cocktail with the Spanish distillate of reference: orujo, in any of its varieties. 14 editions and more than 1000 cocktails guarantee that the contest has achieved its goal.

The Jury was made up of the oenologist and first Spanish female Master of Wine, Almudena Alberca; the President of FABE (Federation of Spanish Barman Associations), Juan Carlos Muñoz Zapatero; the President of Honor of the UAES (Union of Spanish Barman Associations), Juan Carlos Muñoz Zapatero; and the President of the UAES (Union of Spanish Barman Associations), Juan Carlos Muñoz Zapatero. de Honor of the UAES (Union of Spanish Sommelier Associations), Pablo Martín; the director of the CETT School of Tourism, Hotel Management and Gastronomy of Barcelona, Nan Ferreres; the consultant and journalist specialized in wine and gastronomy, Mayte Lapresta; the vice-president of IBA, Ramón Ramírez Fresneda; the sommelier, Custodio López Zamarra; the gastronomic journalist, Javier Pérez de Andrés; the former

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director of Zalacaín, Carmelo Pérez; the director of the AEPEV Spirits Committee and CEO of Efecto Directo, Cristina Tierno; and the public relations officer, Marcelino Rodríguez.