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**Château Mercian Mariko Chardonnay 2018 Awarded Gold Medal  
At Citadelles du Vin 2020 in Bordeaux, France  
Only Japanese Wine to Win Gold in 2020, 6 Year Winning Streak for Château Mercian**

Château Mercian Mariko Chardonnay 2018 from Mercian Corporation (President: Michio Nagabayashi) competed in the Citadelles du Vin 2020 international wine competition held in Bordeaux, France over three days from Tuesday 23 to Thursday 25 June 2020, and emerged victorious as the only Japan wine awarded a gold medal.

Château Mercian's wines have won gold medals every year since 2015, making this their sixth winning year in a row.

One of Japan's leading wineries, Château Mercian produces wines of exquisite quality. They are committed to communicating this quality in Japan and globally in order to increase brand recognition and contribute to the development of the Japan wine industry.

● **Citadelles du Vin International Wine Competition**

This prestigious competition supported by the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV) was first held in Bordeaux, France in 1992. A panel of expert judges, including highly qualified oenologists recommended by the OIV, evaluates wines for gold and silver medals as well as special country awards.

\*Title awarded after completing specialist courses in viticulture or winemaking at a university or other educational institution and carrying out research at a winery.

● **Mercian Corporation Gold Medal Winner: Château Mercian Mariko Chardonnay 2018**

This wine is made from Chardonnay grown in our own Mariko Vineyard, which extends over the Jinba plateau in the Maruko District near Ueda, Nagano Prefecture. The Château Mercian Mariko Winery, renowned both in Japan and around the world, opened in the vineyard grounds in September 2019. The wine harmoniously combines fruity notes of pineapple and lemon with minerality.



True to our wine business slogan of "Creating a pleasant future with wine," Mercian Corporation will continue to offer wines that bring people together to enjoy each other's company and spend quality time.

Notes

1. Competition name: Citadelles du Vin 2020
2. Location: Bordeaux, France (Bourg sur Gironde)
3. Judging: Tuesday 23 to Thursday 25 June 2020
4. Award-Winning Mercian Corporation Wine: Château Mercian Mariko Chardonnay 2018

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