



Grand Prix du Vin Suisse

Grosser Preis des Schweizer Weins
Gran Premio del Vino Svizzero
Swiss Wine Award

Press release

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Swiss Wine Gala: 39 wineries in the spotlight and a third victory for Diego Mathier (Nouveau Salquenen)

The Swiss Wine Gala is always a high point of the year, and this year's event was no exception, coming at the end of an outstanding harvest and attended by 440 guests. No less than 39 wines (from a shortlist of 79) were awarded prizes across the 13 different categories, while Salquenen producer Diego Mathier swept the board, carrying off the coveted title of Swiss Winery of the Year for the third time as well as the Vinissimo prize for Best White Wine in Show. The red Vinissimo award was won by Uvavins-Cave de la Côte in Tolochenaz (VD), while the Prix Bio (organic prize) went to talented Geneva grower Bertrand Favre of Domaine de Miolan in Choulex (GE).

Bern, Thursday October 18th, 2018. The suspense is over: after a three-month wait, the Swiss wine champions were finally revealed this evening at the Swiss Wine Gala, held at the Kongress Kursaal in Bern in front of an audience of 440 guests from the wine world, plus politicians and journalists. The 13 category winners and the three special awards were revealed during the ceremony which had its fair share of surprises: the title of Swiss Winery of the Year was carried off for the third time by Diego Mathier (Nouveau Salquenen), who also triumphed with his blends, taking 1st and 3rd place in the white category as well as 1st and 2nd place for his reds.

Co-organised by VINEA association and Vinum magazine, the Grand Prix du Vin Suisse is the largest Swiss wine competition. This year 2867 wines from 525 producers were tasted in Sierre from June 25th-30th. Over the six-day period, the 158 expert judges tasted, noted and assessed wines from 19 different Swiss wine-growing cantons.

In August, the six best wines from each of the 13 categories were shortlisted and re-tasted blind by an international jury of 10 judges, to choose the final three winning wines of each category. The judges were impressed by the exceptional quality of the 79 competing wines.

Awards evenly distributed across Switzerland's regions

This year the awards were evenly shared by Switzerland's wine-producing regions, even if each tends to have its specialist areas of excellence (eg. Ticino which won all three of the Merlot category awards).

Valais is the largest Swiss wine region: wines from here won 15 awards, followed by canton Vaud (seven awards), Swiss Germany (six), Trois Lacs (five) and Ticino (four). Geneva took two awards, thanks to Sarah Meylan-Favre and her husband Bertrand Favre: Sarah's Gamay la Vigne Blanche 2017 from Cologny tied for first prize, while her husband took 3rd place in the 100% Gamaret, Garanoir and Mara category with his Garanoir 2017 (Domaine de Miolan, Choulex).

Special awards

Four special awards were given:

Prix Cave Suisse de l'Année (Swiss Winery of the Year) 2018: Adrian & Diego Mathier, Nouveau Salquenen, Salgesch (VS)

Prix Bio Suisse (Swiss Organic award): Chasselas Réserve non-filtré 2017 AOC Genève, Domaine de Miolan, Choulex (GE)

Prix Vinissimo « Coup de cœur » Blanc: Heida les Pyramides 2016 AOC Valais, Adrian & Diego Mathier Nouveau Salquenen, Salgesch (VS)

Prix Vinissimo « Coup de cœur » Rouge: Gamaret Réserve Collection Inspiration 2015 AOC la Côte, Uvavins Cave de la Côte, Tolochenaz (VD)

Results and photos

The full list of winners from the 12th edition of the Grand Prix du Vin Suisse can be found on the following websites:

www.grandprixduvinsuisse.ch

www.vinea.ch

Photos of the winners and the awards ceremony can be downloaded from 11pm onwards at: www.grandprixduvinsuisse.ch

A special report on the GPVS 2018 winners and results will be published in Vinum.

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2018 results

SPECIAL AWARDS

Swiss Winery of the Year 2018	Adrian & Diego Mathier, Nouveau Salquenen, Salgesch (VS)
PRIX VINISSIMO "Coup de cœur" white	Heida les Pyramides 2016 AOC Valais Adrian & Diego Mathier Nouveau Salquenen, Salgesch (VS)
PRIX VINISSIMO "Coup de cœur" red	Gamaret Réserve Collection Inspiration 2015 AOC la Côte Uvavins - Cave de la Côte, Tolochenaz (VD)
PRIX BIO (organic award)	Chasselas Réserve non-filtré 2017 AOC Genève Domaine de Miolan, Choulex (GE)

CHASSELAS

1st (joint)

Château d'Etoy 2017, AOC La Côte
Cave de Jolimont – 1180 Rolle (VD)

Rieux 2017, AOC Lavaux
Bourgeoisie de Fribourg – 1700 Fribourg (FR)

3rd

Bérollon Le Consul 2017, AOC La Côte
Cave du Consul – 1166 Perroy (VD)

Shortlisted

Fendant Dame de Sion 2017, AOC Valais
Les Fils de Charles Favre – 1950 Sion (VS)

Dézaley-Marsens Grand Cru de la Tour Vase N°4 2015 AOC Dézaley
Les Frères Dubois – 1096 Cully (VD)

Clos de la Dame 2017, AOC La Côte
Domaine du Feuillage - 1166 Perroy (VD)

MÜLLER-THURGAU

1st

Tegerfelden Riesling-Silvaner 2017, AOC Aargau
DiVino – 8401 Winterthur (ZH)

2nd

Riesling-Sylvaner Siebe Dupf 2017, Vins de Pays Suisse
Siebe Dupf Kellerei – 4410 Liestal (BL)

3rd

Nobler Weisser 2017, Vins de Pays Suisse
Weingut Nadine Saxer – 8413 Neftenbach (ZH)

Shortlisted:

Riesling-Silvaner Zürich 2017, AOC Zürich
Zweifel 1898 Zweifel & Co. – 8049 Zürich (ZH)

Réserve St-Jacques 2017, AOC Côtes-de-l'Orbe
Château de Valeyres – 1358 Valeyres-Sous-Rances (VD)

Hoch Chapf Müller-Thurgau Spätlese 2017, AOC St. Gallen
Weinkellerei Haubensak – 9450 Altstätten (SG)

OTHER WHITE VARIETIES

1st

Heida Les Pyramides 2016, AOC Valais
Adrian & Diego Mathier Nouveau Salquenen–3970 Salgesch (VS)

2st

Petite Arvine 2017, AOC Valais
Cave Defayes et Crettenand – 1912 Leytron (VS)

3rd

Petite Arvine, Maître de Chais 2017, AOC Valais
Provins Valais – 1950 Sion (VS)

Shortlisted:

Petite Arvine 2017, AOC Valais
Cave du Chavalard – 1926 Fully (VS)

Viognier 2016, AOC Valais
Sélection Comby – 1955 Chamoson (VS)

Scheurebe 2017, AOC Zürichsee
Lüthi Weinbau – 8708 Männedorf (ZH)

WHITE BLENDS

1st	Ambassadeur des Domaines Diego Mathier 2016, AOC Valais Adrian & Diego Mathier Nouveau Salquenen–3970 Salgesch (VS)
2nd	Pinot Blanc Chardonnay 2016, AOC Schaffhausen Aagne Familie Gysel – 8215 Hallau (SH)
3rd	Ambassadeur des Domaines Diego Mathier 2015, AOC Valais Adrian & Diego Mathier Nouveau Salquenen–3970 Salgesch (VS)
Shortlisted	Les Grands Murs St-Raphaël Assemblage Blanc 2016, AOC Valais Maison Gilliard – 1950 Sion (VS) Weinbau Mariazell J Muscat Sec 2017, AOC Luzern Weinbau Mariazell – 6210 Sursee (LU) Saphir 2017, AOC Zürichsee Pünter Weinbau – 8712 Stäfa (ZH)

ROSÉ AND BLANCS DE NOIRS

1st	Domaine de la Brazière 2017, AOC La Côte Domaine de la Brazière – 1180 Tartegnin (VD)
2nd	Aigle les Murailles Rosé 2017, AOC Chablais Badoux Vins – 1860 Aigle (VD)
3rd	Confessore 2017, DOC Ticino Chiericati Vini – 6501 Bellinzona (TI)
Shortlisted	Rosé de Gamay 2017, AOC La Côte Domaine de la Croix – 1183 Bursins (VD) Œil-de-Perdrix Cave des Lauriers 2017, AOC Neuchâtel Cave des Lauriers – Jungo et Fellman – 2088 Cressier (NE) Œil de Perdrix La Matze 2017, AOC Valais Adrian & Diego Mathier Nouveau Salquenen–3970 Salgesch (VS)

PINOT NOIR

1st	Levanti Maienfeld 2016, AOC Graubünden Von Salis – 7302 Landquart (GR)
2nd	Pinot Noir Cortaillod 2016, AOC Neuchâtel Les vins Porret – 2016 Cortaillod (NE)
3rd	Tegerfelden Pinot Noir Barrique Alter Berg 2015, AOC Aargau Weingut Alter Berg – 5306 Tegerfelden (AG)
Shortlisted:	Pinot Noir de Chamoson 2017, AOC Valais Cave Le Banneret – 1955 Chamoson (VS) Le Secret de la Chapelle 2015, AOC Neuchâtel Les Caves du Prieuré de Cormondrèche – 2036 Cormondrèche (NE) Pinot Noir 575 Ostschweiz 2015, Vins de Pays Suisse Zweifel 1898 Zweifel & Co. AG – 8049 Zürich (ZH)

GAMAY

1st (joint)	Domaine de Chantemerle 2017 AOC La Côte Domaine de Chantemerle – 1180 Tartegnin (VD)
	Gamay La Vigne Blanche 2017, AOC Genève Domaine de la Vigne Blanche – 1223 Cologny (GE)
3rd	Dézaley Grand Cru – Versailles 2016, AOC Dézaley Les Frères Dubois – 1096 Cully (VD)
Shortlisted	Le Gamay Barrique 2016, AOC La Côte Bolle et Cie – 1110 Morges (VD)
	Gamay 2017, AOC Genève Château des Bois – 1242 Satigny (GE)
	Gamay 2017, AOC Valais Daniel Magliocco & Fils – 1955 St-Pierre-de-Clages (VS)

MERLOT

1st	Ronco 2016, DOC Ticino Azienda Agraria Cantonale di Mezzana – 6877 Coldrerio (TI)
2nd	Le Pergole 2015, DOC Ticino Fratelli Meroni – 6710 Biasca (TI)
3rd	Lamone – Tenuta Colle di San Zeno Merlot Riserva 2015 DOC Ticino, Cantina Pelossi – 6912 Pazzallo (TI)
Shortlisted:	Château de Montagny - Merlot 2016, AOC Lavaux Les Propriétés de la Ville de Payerne – 1530 Payerne (VD)
	Stella 2015, DOC Ticino Reva di Urs Hauser – 6594 Contone (TI)
	Saleggi 2016, DOC Ticino Vini e Distillati Angelo Delea – 6616 Losone (TI)

OTHER RED VARIETIES (100%)

1st	Cornalin de Champmarais 2014, AOC Valais Domaine Jean-René Germanier – 1963 Vétroz (VS)
2nd	Réserve des Administrateurs Humagne Rouge 2017, AOC Valais Cave St-Pierre – 1955 Chamoson (VS)
3rd	Cornalin Grande Réserve 2015, AOC Valais Cave La Romaine – 3978 Flanthey (VS)
Shortlisted:	Humagne 2017, AOC Valais Cave Mabillard – 1971 Champlan (VS)
	Syrah 2017, AOC Valais Cave des Bernunes – 3960 Sierre (VS)
	Nokto Réserve 2015, AOC Valais Ozenit – 3977 Granges (VS)

RED BLENDS

1st	Cuvée rouge Rosmarie Mathier 2015, AOC Valais Adrian & Diego Mathier Nouveau Salquenen–3970 Salgesch (VS)
2nd	Folissimo 2015, AOC Valais Adrian & Diego Mathier Nouveau Salquenen–3970 Salgesch (VS)
3rd	Métissage 2016, AOC Neuchâtel Caves de Chambleau – 2013 Colombier (NE)
Shortlisted:	Farandole 2015, AOC Valais Cave Gilbert Devayes – 1912 Leytron (VS) Crête d'Or 2016, AOC Valais Maurice Gay – 1955 Chamoson (VS) Arco Tondo 2015, DOC Ticino Tenuta San Giorgio – 6990 Cassina d'Agno (TI)

GAMARET, GARANOIR OR MARA (100%)

1st	Gamaret Réserve Collection Inspiration 2015, AOC La Côte Uvavins – Cave de la Côte – 1131 Tolochenaz (VD)
2nd	Gamaret de Sierre 2016, AOC Valais Cave Colline de Daval – 3960 Sierre (VS)
3rd	Garanoir 2017, AOC Genève Domaine de Miolan – 1244 Choulex (GE)
Shortlisted:	Gamaret de Lavaux 2015, AOC Lavaux Chappuis Christophe – 1071 Rivaz (VD) Jeninser 2015, AOC Graubünden Vinigma – 4053 Basel (BS) Garanoir Regensberg 2016, AOC Zürichsee Weidmann Wein – 8158 Regensberg (ZH)

WHITE, RED AND ROSÉS – RESIDUAL SUGAR UP TO 8 G/L

1st	Tonneliers Soleil de Minuit 2016, AOC Valais Maison Gilliard – 1950 Sion (VS)
2nd	Petite Arvine Flétrie Classique 2014, AOC Valais Domaine des Muses – 3960 Sierre (VS)
3rd	Malvoisie Flétrie 2016, AOC Valais Cave des Remparts – 1913 Saillon (VS)
Shortlisted:	Gewürztraminer 2017, AOC La Côte Domaine des Sieurs – 1184 Luins (VD) Cuvée 1858 Or 2015, AOC Valais Bonvin 1858, Les Domaines – 1950 Sion (VS) Blanc de Glace Vin doux – Barrique 2016, AOC Valais Gregor Kuonen, Caveau de Salquenen – 3970 Salgesch (VS)

SPARKLING WINES

1st	Eboé 2013, AOC Valais Flaction Vins – 1955 St-Pierre-de-Clages (VS)
2nd	Bouvier Brut 2014, AOC Neuchâtel Caves Châtenay-Bouvier SA – 2017 Boudry (NE)
3rd	Bel Héritage 2012, Vins de Pays Suisse Mauler & Cie – 2112 Môtiers (NE)
Shortlisted:	Louis Edouard Mauler 2011, AOC Neuchâtel Mauler & Cie – 2112 Môtiers (NE)
	Mousseux Rosé Brut – Collection Signature, AOC Neuchâtel Bouvet-Jabloir Vins – 2012 Auvernier
	Secco Gans Guet, Vins de Pays Suisse Weinbau Mariazell – 6210 Sursee (LU)
	Brut de l'Orpailleur 2016, AOC Valais Frédéric Dumoulin – 1958 Uvrier (VS)