



Grand Prix du Vin Suisse

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

Gala evening for the 10th annual Grand Prix du Vin Suisse

Embargoed until 26 October at 22 :30 /10.30pm Swiss time

The winners of the best of Swiss wines were honoured during a gala event that took place in Bern, attended by the key actors in the Swiss wine world. The 73 finalist wines came from throughout the country; 36 of them were awarded first, second or third place prizes. Wines from canton Valais did particularly well this year, winning half of the competition's 12 categories. The Swiss Winery of the Year 2016 is Regence Balavaud in Vétroz (Valais) and the title Decade Winery 2007-2016 has again gone to Diego Mathier in Salquenen (Valais). The BIO prize for organic wine was awarded to Reynald Parmelin in Begnins (Vaud). The two Vinissimo prizes for white and red wines went to, respectively, Cave Corbassière in Saillon, Valais and Lampert's Weingut Heidelberg in Maienfeld (Graubünden).

The 10th annual Grand Prix du Vin Suisse, organized by the VINEA Association and wine magazine *Vinum*, brought together in Sierre some 170 wine tasters. After 6 days of tasting 2,864 wines entered by 560 producers, 73 finalist wines were named for the Swiss wine gala. For the second consecutive year, an international jury of 10 tasted the finalist wines and selected the 3 best wines in each category. Paolo Basso, World's Best Sommelier (2013) and one of the judges for the re-tasting, noted: "qualitative improvements in Chasselas, as well as rosé wines, and good success with blends of reds and whites, Merlots and sweet wines. With wines at this level, Switzerland is well positioned to fight for a place on the world's wine map."

Top awards go to wines from throughout Switzerland

Valais, Switzerland's largest wine region, was represented 19 times among the winners of the three first places for each category. It was followed by German-speaking Switzerland (7) – wines from Graubünden, Zurich, Thurgau and Aargau – then Ticino (5), Neuchatel-Three Lakes (3) and Vaud (2).

Valais also stood out with its six category winners: Chasselas, other white single grape varieties, white blends, Gamay, other red single grape varieties and wines with residual sugar. Ticino not surprisingly won the Merlot category. Graubünden was awarded top prizes for Pinot Noir and red blends. The best rosé wine was from Zurich and Neuchatel won the sparkling wine category while Thurgau won the prize for best Müller-Thurgau.

Special prizes

Five special prizes were also given out during this special evening:

Prix BIO suisse, to *Pinot Noir Vieilles Vignes Begnins BIO 2015*, la Côte AOC, Domaine de la Capitaine, Begnins, Vaud.

Prix Vinissimo, "favourite white wine": *Petite Arvine Saillon Grand Cru 2015*, Cave Corbassière, Saillon, Valais

Prix Vinissimo, "favourite red wine": *Lampert's Cuvée Rouge 2013*, Lampert's Weingut Heidelberg, Maienfeld, Graubünden

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Swiss Winery of the Year 2016: Cave Régence Balavaud in Vétroz, Valais. This much sought-after title is attributed to the winery that best meets several criteria that include the number of medals which have won awards, whether finalists or top prize winners, in relation to the number of wines entered.

And the 10th Grand Prix du Vin Suisse prize Decade 2007-2016 Swiss Winery: It returns to Adrian & Diego Mathier, Nouveau Salquenen AG, Salquenen, Valais. Diego Mathier, who twice earlier won the title of Swiss Winery of the Year: his wines have won first, second or third place awards 16 times in the past 10 competitions.

A windfall for Swiss consumers

Sven Epiney was the presenter for the awards evening at the Kultur Casino in Bern, attended by some 400 wine producers and well-known personalities from the vine and wine world, politicians and media. This national competition offers wines from Switzerland an excellent platform and visibility, rewarding producers' quality work and reinforcing the image of products from our country. A windfall for consumers who are more easily able to find a large and diverse number of high quality Swiss wines that meet their demands.

The results, photos

The list of winning wines and awards for the 10th Grand Prix du Vin Suisse is published on these web sites –

www.grandprixduvinsuisse.ch

www.vinea.ch

Photos of the winning producers and images from the gala evening will be available for downloading, as of 22:30.

www.grandprixduvinsuisse.ch

A special report on the winners and the results from the GPVS 2016 will be published by Vinum magazine in both its German- and French-language editions.

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SPECIAL PRIZES

Swiss Winery of the Year

Cave Régence Balavaud Vétroz Valais

VINISSIMO favourite WHITE wine

Petite Arvine Saillon Grand Cru 2015

AOC Valais

Cave Corbassière – 1913 Saillon (VS)

VINISSIMO favourite RED wine

Lamperts Cuvée Rouge 2013

AOC Graubünden

Lampert's Weingut Heidelberg –
7304 Maienfeld (GR)

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PRIX BIO (organic)

Pinot Noir Begnins BIO 2015

La Côte AOC

Domaine la Capitaine (Biodynamique) –
1268 Begnins (VD)Swiss Winery Decade **2007-2016**

Adrian & Diego Mathier, Nouveau Salquenen AG – 3970 Salgesch (VS)

CHASSELAS**1st**

Fendant Classique 2015

AOC Valais

Domaine des Muses – 3960 Sierre (VS)

2nd

Fendant Rêverie 2015

AOC Valais

Cave Régence-Balavaud – 1963 Vétroz (VS)

3rd

La Guérite Fendant 2015

AOC Valais

Maurice Gay SA – 1955 Chamoson (VS)

Finalists

Chasselas de Valmont 2015

La Côte AOC

Les Trois Terres – 1110 Morges (VD)

Domaine Chamvalon Gilly 2015

La Côte AOC

Domaine Chamvalon – 1182 Gilly (VD)

Blanc Grand Cru Yvorne 2015

Chablais AOC

Château Maison Blanche – 1853 Yvorne (VD)

MÜLLER-THURGAU**1st**

Amliker Müller Thurgau 2015

AOC Thurgau

Zahnd erlesene Weine –
8514 Amlikon-Bissegg (TG)**2nd**

Hüttwiler Renaissance 2015

AOC Thurgau

Wägeli Weinbau – 8524 Buch (TG)

3rd

Riesling-Sylvaner Würenlingen 2015

AOC Aargau

Weingut zum Sternen – 5303 Würenlingen (AG)

Finalists

Riesling-Silvaner 2015

AOC Bern

Weingut Hämmerli – 3232 Ins (BE)

Graf von Spiegelberg

Hallauer Riesling-Silvaner 2015

AOC Schaffhausen

Rimuss und Weinkellerei Rahm AG –
8215 Hallau (SH)

Winterthur Goldenberg

Riesling-Silvaner 2015

AOC Zürich

VOLG Weinkellereien AG- 8401 Winterthur (ZH)

OTHER WHITE SINGLE GRAPE WINES**1st**

Petite Arvine Saillon Grand Cru 2015

AOC Valais

Cave Corbassière – 1913 Saillon (VS)

2nd

Johannisberg 2015

AOC Valais

Cave Saint Philippe – 3970 Salgesch (VS)

3rd

Amigne de Vétroz Grand Cru 1 Abeille 2015

AOC Valais

Cave des Deux Rives –
1996 Brignon (Nendaz) (VS)**More information :**www.grandprixduvinsuisse.ch

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OTHER WHITE SINGLE GRAPE WINES

Finalists

Marsanne Blanche La Courtisane 2014	AOC Valais Domaine du Mont d'Or SA – 1951 Sion (VS)
Les Cigalines Chenin Blanc de Chamoson 2015	AOC Valais Cave La Siseranche – 1955 Chamoson (VS)
Marsanne Blanche Subtile 2015	AOC Valais Cave Le Tambourin Sàrl – 3960 Corin (VS)

WHITE BLENDS

1st

Sentes Blanches Coteaux de Sierre 2014	AOC Valais Cave Les Sentes – 3960 Sierre (VS)
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2nd

Cuvée 1858 blanche 2014	AOC Valais Charles Bonvin SA – 1950 Sion (VS)
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3rd

Cuvée Madame Rosmarie Mathier 2015	AOC Valais Adrian & Diego Mathier, Nouveau Salquenen AG – 3970 Salgesch (VS)
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Finalists

Domaine du Chapitre Crus des Domaines 2014	AOC Valais Provins Valais – 1951 Sion (VS)
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Nuance Blanche 2014	AOC Valais Daniel Magliocco & Fils – 1955 St-Pierre-de-Clages (VS)
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Muscat Sec 2015	AOC Luzern Weinbau Mariazell – 6210 Sursee (LU)
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ROSÉ AND BLANCS DE NOIRS WINES

1st

Rosé 2015	AOC Zürich Weingut Gehring – 8427 Freienstein (ZH)
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2nd

Les Chaumes Oeil-de-Perdrix 2015	Vaud AOC Uvavins - Cave de la Côte – 1131 Tolochenaz (VD)
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3rd

Perles du Valais Dôle Blanche 2015	AOC Valais Maison Gilliard – 1950 Sion (VS)
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Finalists

Château Rosé 2015	Genève AOC Domaine Château du Crest, J. Meyer & Cie – 1254 Jussy (GE)
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Oeil-de-Perdrix Primus Classicus 2015	AOC Valais Caves Orsat SA – 1920 Martigny (VS)
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Oeil-de-Perdrix 2015	Le Landeron AOC Robert Andrey - Schafis – 2514 Ligerz (BE)
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PINOT NOIR

1st

Pinot Noir URIS, Davaz 2014

AOC Graubünden
Weingut Davaz – 7306 Fläsch (GR)

2nd

Domaine de Chantemerle 2015

La Côte AOC
Domaine Chantemerle – 1180 Tartegnin (VD)

3rd

Pinot Noir 2013

AOC Zürich
Strickhof Wülflinger Trotte –
8408 Winterthur (ZH))

Finalists

Pinot Noir Inner Hag Trimmis 2014

AOC Graubünden
Däppen-Fischer – 7203 Trimmis (GR)

Pinot Noir Vieilles Vignes Begnins BIO 2015

La Côte AOC
Domaine la Capitaine (Biodynamique) –
1268 Begnins (VD)

Schinzacher Pinot Noir 2015

AOC Aargau
Weinbaugenossenschaft Schinznach –
5107 Schinznach Dorf (AG)

GAMAY

1st

Gamay Vieilles Vignes 2015

AOC Valais
Cave David Rossier – 1912 Leytron (VS)

2nd

Gamay Domaine St-Théodule
Martigny 2015

AOC Valais
Cave Gérald Besse – 1921 Martigny-Croix (VS)

3rd

Vespae Gamay de Bovernier 2015

AOC Valais
Domaine Jean-René Germanier–
1963 Vétroz (VS)

Finalists

Gamay La Vigne Blanche 2015

Genève AOC
Domaine de la Vigne Blanche –
1223 Cologny (GE)

Villeneuve La Violette 2014

Chablais AOC
Société Coopérative Viticole Villeneuve –
1844 Villeneuve (VD)

Gamay 2015

AOC Valais
Cave Gilbert Devayes – 1912 Leytron (VS)

MERLOT

1st

Il 2013

Ticino DOC
Vini Rovio Gianfranco Chiesa – 6821 Rovio (TI)

2nd

Tenuta Montalbano Riserva 2013

Ticino DOC
Cantina Sociale Mendrisio – 6850 Mendrisio (TI)

3rd

Carato Riserva 2012

Ticino DOC
Vini e Distillati Angelo Delea SA –
6616 Losone (TI)

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MERLOT

Finalists

Merlot de Peissy 2014	Genève AOC Cave Les Crêtets– 1242 Satigny (GE)
Merlot 2015	AOC Valais Kellerei Leukersonne – 3952 Susten (VS)
Moncucchetto Riserva 2013	Ticino DOC Fattoria Moncucchetto Sagl – 6900 Lugano (TI)

OTHER RED SINGLE GRAPE WINES

1st

Syrah Grandmaître Barrique 2014	AOC Valais Gregor Kuonen, Caveau de Salquenen – 3970 Salgesch (VS)
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2nd

Syrah Les Empereurs Coup de Coeur 2013	AOC Valais Cave La Romaine – 3978 Flanthey (VS)
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3rd

Cornalin Les Coteaux de Sierre 2015	AOC Valais Cave des Champs – 3972 Miège (VS)
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Finalists

Les Cigalines Diolinoir de Chamoson 2015	AOC Valais Cave La Siseranche – 1955 Chamoson (VS)
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Diolinoir 2015	AOC Valais Cave de St-Romain – 1966 Ayent (VS)
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Bondola 2015	Ticino DOC Terreni alla Maggia SA – 6612 Ascona (TI)
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RED BLENDS

1st

Lamperts Cuvée Rouge 2013	AOC Graubünden Lampert's Weingut Heidelberg – 7304 Maienfeld (GR)
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2nd

Sottobosco 2013	Ticino DOC Agriloro SA – 6852 Genestrerio (TI)
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3rd

Synthesis 2011	Ticino DOC Cantina Cristini e Figli – 6528 Camorino (TI)
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Finalists

Gamaret-Garanoir 2015	La Côte AOC Domaine du Feuillage – 1166 Perroy (VD)
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Le Terrail 2011	AOC Valais Cave du Chevalier Bayard SA – 3953 Varen (VS)
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Binôme 2014	Vins de Pays Zweifel & Co. AG – 8049 Zürich (ZH)
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WHITE, ROSÉ AND RED WINES WITH RESIDUAL SUGAR, STARTING AT 8 G/L**1st**

Marsanne Blanche 2012 AOC Valais
Cave des Bernunes – 3960 Sierre (VS)

2nd

Barrique liquoreuse AOC Valais
Clos de Châteauneuf 2014 Philippe Varone Vins SA – 1950 Sion (VS)

3rd

Malvoisie flétrie Barrique AOC Valais
Grandmaître 2014 Gregor Kuonen, Caveau de Salquenen –
3970 Salgesch (VS)

Finalists

Gewürztraminer 2015 La Côte AOC
Domaine des Sieurs – 1184 Luins (VD)

Petite Arvine Hurlevent 2015 AOC Valais
Les Fils de Charles Favre – 1950 Sion (VS)

Chevaliers d'Or 2014 AOC Valais
Vins des Chevaliers – 3970 Salgesch (VS)

SPARKLING WINE**1st**

Cuvée Bel Héritage 2011 Vin de Pays
Mauler et Cie SA – 2112 Môtiers (NE)

2nd

Blanc de Noir (non millésimé) Cressier AOC
Räblus Weinbau – 2505 Biel-Vingelz (BE)

3rd

Louis Edouard Mauler 2010 AOC Neuchâtel
Mauler et Cie SA – 2112 Môtiers (NE)

Finalists

Pinot noir & Pinot gris Méthode La Côte AOC
Traditionnelle Château Rochefort 2014 Ville de Lausanne, Service des parcs et domaines
1000 Lausanne (VD)

Roses des Sens 2014 Genève AOC
Domaine Les Faunes –
1283 Dardagny (GE)

Brut Prestige 2014 AOC Valais
Renaissance Vins SA – 1906 Charrat (VS)

Fortunatus 2014 AOC Thurgau
Kartause Ittingen - 8532 Warth (TG)

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