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### **The 29th edition of the Mondial des Pinots: a celebration of Swiss excellence**

The tastings for the 29th edition of the Mondial des Pinots took place in Sierre over three days, bringing together 875 wines presented by producers from 15 countries. The international jury, which was comprised of 52 tasters representing 16 countries, was impressed by the exceptional quality of the entries, awarding 6 Grand Gold medals, 137 Gold medals and 96 Silver medals.

Held under the joint patronage of the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV), VINO FED (World Federation of Major Wine and Spirits Competitions) and the Swiss Union of Oenologists (USOE), the competition once again confirmed its position as one of the leading events dedicated to Pinot wines.

Of the 875 wines tasted:

- 96 were awarded a Silver medal (87.8 to 88.9 points out of 100),
- 137 were awarded a Gold medal (89 to 92.9 points out of 100),
- 6 were awarded a Grand Gold medal (93 points and above).

### **A Valais wine crowned best wine of the competition**

The Best Wine of the Competition award went to the 2024 Malvoisie Grain Noble from Cave Adrien et Maurice Zufferey in Sierre. This outstanding sweet Pinot Gris captivated the jury with its aromatic richness, remarkable balance and long finish.

This award highlights the extraordinary potential of Pinot varieties and their ability to stand alongside the world's finest wines.

### **Six Grand Gold Medals to Celebrate the Diversity of Pinot**

The six Grand Gold Medal winners demonstrated the remarkable versatility of the Pinot family across styles and regions.

Among them is the Skript Pinot Noir Réserve Gallispitz Winterthur 2024 AOC Zürich from Rutishauser-DiVino SA, which was awarded the Prize for Best Swiss Pinot Noir. The canton of Aargau also stood out thanks to the Nauer Weissburgunder Prestige 2025 from Nauer Weine in Bremgarten, which won a Grand Gold as well as the Prize for Best Pinot Blanc.

Valais confirms its excellence with three Grand Gold awards going to Cave Adrien et Maurice Zufferey in Sierre, Gregor Kuonen's Caveau de Salquenen, and Weingut Seewer in Susten.

The Saint-Martin 2023 Pinot Gris passerillé from Cave de La Côte in Tolochenaz rounds off this prestigious list of winners.

## **The Gran Maestro Award Celebrates Consistency and Excellence**

The Gran Maestro Award for Pinot Noir recognizes producers who have achieved the highest results across three consecutive vintages, rewarding both consistency and long-term quality.

This year, first place was shared by Weingut zur Alten Post in Jenins (GR) and the Nadine Saxer estate in Neftenbach (ZH), in recognition of the outstanding quality and consistency of their Pinot Noir wines over multiple vintages.

Third place was awarded to Weingut zur Alten Post, further underscoring the remarkable ageing potential of these wines.

## **Special Awards Showcase the Diversity of Pinot Styles**

The VINO FED Red Award was presented to the Gamme Collection Pinot Noir Château des Crêtes 2024 from Cave Montreux Riviera.

The Best Pinot Gris Award went to the 2025 Pinot Gris from Cave Morel in Chardonne, while the Best Rosé and Blanc de Noirs Award was awarded to the 2025 Rosé Promesse de Soleil from Cave des Promesses in Conthey.

In the sparkling wines category, the 2018 Cuvée Excellence from Mauler & Cie in Môtiers claimed top honours. The Best Organic Pinot Award was awarded to the 2022 Pinot Noir Pur Sang from Caves de Chambleau in Colombier, while the Best Blend Award went to the 2023 Fontenailles Saint-Triphon Ollon from Alexis and Laurent Cochard.

## **A List of winners Reflecting an Ever-Higher International standard**

The results of the 2026 Mondial des Pinots once again highlight the remarkable richness and diversity of the Pinot family, showcasing exceptional expressions of Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and Pinot Blanc in still, sparkling and sweet wine styles.

In an increasingly competitive international environment, the wines entered impressed the jury with their elegance, precision, and authentic expression of terroir. This edition further confirms the outstanding quality of Swiss producers, who are prominently represented among the competition's highest-ranked wines.

The full competition results are available at: [www.mondial-des-pinots.com](http://www.mondial-des-pinots.com)

## **A festival of award-winning Pinots in Zurich**

The awards ceremony took place on 18 June 2026 at the Papiersaal in Zurich as part of VINEA On Tour.

Wine enthusiasts were able to sample the award-winning wines from this 29th edition and speak directly with the producers in attendance, who bore witness to the vitality and excellence of the Pinot family.

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