



Press release

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Switzerland in the spotlight with a Pinot Noir from Chablais winning Best Wine in Show

The tasting sessions for the 23rd edition of the Mondial des Pinots competition took place in Sierre from September 4th - 6th 2020. A total of 1132 wines from 21 countries took part, and the Pinot Noir from Domaine les Afforêts (Aigle) well and truly triumphed.

The tasting sessions for the 23rd edition of the Mondial des Pinots were able to be held in Sierre from September 4th - 6th, but the awards ceremony scheduled for December 11th in Zermatt had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. Entries for this edition comprised a total of 1132 wines made by 361 producers from 21 countries.

A Pinot Noir from Vaud takes pride of place

The real star of the show was Jean-Noël Favre's Pinot Noir Comba-Vy Grand Cru Oillon 2018 from Domaine les Afforêts (Aigle), which took no less than three prizes: Best Wine in Show, Best Swiss Pinot Noir and the Vinofed Prize for Best Dry Wine. Canton Vaud also shone with the Best Pinot Blanc prize awarded to the 2019 vintage from Gianni Bernasconi (Chardonne).

Diego Mathier wins the Gran Maestro award

The Gran Maestro award is for a wine judged across three consecutive vintages: this year, it was Diego Mathier of La Cave Nouveau Salquenen who carried off the prize with his Ambassadeurs des Domaines 2018, 2017 and 2016, beating the Pradafant barrique 2009-2008-2007 Pinots from Weingut zur Alten Post (Jenins). In third place are the Pinot Noir barrique wines from Domaine Aagne Famille Gysel de Hallau (SH), vintages 2017, 2016 and 2015.

Last but not least, the sparkling wine category was won by a Spanish cava, namely Naveran Perles Blanques 2016 from Casas Naveran in Torrelavit (Penedès).

All the competition results are available here www.mondial-des-pinots.com.

The results brochure and notes on the Special Prizes are attached with this press release.

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