



Press release

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### Switzerland, home of Pinot wines

The tasting sessions for the 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Mondial des Pinots took place in Sierre from September 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 2020. Over the three days, 58 judges (of which half were non-Swiss) evaluated 1132 wines from 21 countries. Local wines led the pack in terms of awards, taking all six of this year's Grand Gold medals, and 74 of the 92 Gold medals.

Held under the triple patronage of the Organisation internationale de la Vigne et du Vin (OIV), the Fédération Mondiale des Grands Concours de Vins et Spiritueux Vinofed and the Union Suisse des Œnologues (USOE), the tasting sessions for the 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Mondial des Pinots were held in Sierre from September 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. There were 1132 wines in this year's competition, entered by 361 producers from 21 countries.

### Switzerland sweeps the board for Grand Gold medals

More than 80% of the wines in the competition came from Switzerland, and Swiss wines well and truly swept the board in terms of the most prestigious awards, taking all of the Grand Gold medals.

The Grand Gold medal is given to wines with an average score across the panel of 92+ points (out of 100), and all six of this year's Grand Gold accolades were won by local wines, from six different cantons.

The winners are:

- Der Andere Pinot Noir 2015, Wunderstaa Wein, Hallau SH
- Pinot Noir 2018, Domaine des Chevaliers, Salquenen VS
- Le Secret de la Chapelle 2017, Caves du Prieur de Cormondrèche, Cormondrèche NE
- Primus 2015, Weingut Heuberg, Bözen AG
- Erlacher manuelwy Pinot Noir barrique 2018, Rebgut Hasenlauf, Erlach BE
- Combaz-Vy Grand Cru Ollon 2018, Domaine les Affrorêts, Aigle VD

The 92 Gold medals were awarded to wines from Switzerland (74), Germany (11), France (4), plus Argentina, Spain and Hungary (1 Gold medal each).

### Special prizes and the Gran Maestro results to be announced in Zermatt on December 11th

The Gran Maestro category judges the same wine over three consecutive vintages. This year, 81 wines competed for the highly coveted Gran Maestro du Pinot award which recognises expertise in viticulture and wine making alike. The Gran Maestro results will be announced along with the other special prizes at the official awards ceremony, to be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Mont-Cervin Palace hotel in Zermatt. After the awards ceremony, the award-winning producers will be pouring their wines for the general public.

For details of all the medals awarded in the competition: [www.mondial-des-pinots.com](http://www.mondial-des-pinots.com).

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