



Press release

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Mondial du Merlot & Assemblages: record number of entries, 139 medals awarded

The 13th edition of the Mondial du Merlot & Assemblages competition took place in Sierre from September 4th - 6th 2020. The highest-ever number of entries was achieved this year, breaking the previous record (500): 511 wines from 16 countries competed for a medal. A total of 139 medals were awarded, including three Great Gold awards attributed to Swiss producers.

Held under the triple patronage of the Organisation internationale de la Vigne et du Vin (OIV), Vinofed, and the Fédération Mondiale des Grands Concours de Vins et Spiritueux et de l'Union Suisse des Œnologues (USOE), the tasting sessions for the Mondial du Merlot & Assemblages competition were held in Sierre from September 4th - 6th 2020. The 25 judges awarded a total of 139 medals, including three Great Gold, 67 Gold and 69 Silver.

Celebrating Ticino

The canton of Ticino is Merlot's Swiss home, and this year it distinguished itself with no less than 27 Gold medals (out of the 67 awarded in total) and two Grand Gold awards. The latter were given to those wines which scored an average of 92 points or more, based on the scores of their five panel judges. This special award was given three times this year, to Ticino-based producers Cantine Ghidossi de Cadenazzo for its Saetta 2017, and to Azienda Agraria Cantonale di Mezzana for its Ronco 2013 (proof that Merlot from Ticino can age extremely well). A Grand Gold medal was also awarded to Le Château de Valeyres (VD) for Benjamin Morel's Merlot Confidentiel 2018.

Gran Maestro award and other special prizes to be announced in Zermatt

In 2020, no less than 54 wines competed for the title of Gran Maestro. This category judges the same wine over three vintages, showcasing not only the talents of the producer and winemaker but also the quality of the terroir. The results for this category and the other special prizes (Best Wine in Competition, Best Organic Wine) will be revealed in Zermatt on December 11th. A show featuring the award-winning wines and open to the general public will be held after the official awards ceremony.

To see the results of the competition: www.mondial-du-merlot.com.

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