



Press release

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## Mondial du Merlot & Assemblages

**The 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the Mondial du Merlot & Assemblages competition was held in Sierre (Switzerland) from November 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The 389 entries from 14 countries were tasted by 18 international wine judges, and a total of 107 medals were awarded, including three Grand Gold medals given to wines from Germany, Ticino and Valais.**

Endorsed by the OIV (Organisation Internationale de la Vigne et du Vin), Vinofed (Fédération Mondiale des Grands Concours de Vins et Spiritueux) and the Usoe (Union Suisse des Œnologues), the tasting sessions of the Mondial du Merlot & Assemblages competition were held in Sierre (Switzerland) from November 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> 2021. The panel of 18 judges from six countries awarded a total of 107 medals, including 3 Grand Gold, 46 Gold and 58 Silver.

### Star of the competition: Trentasei 2013 by Gialdi

The majority of special awards went to wines from canton Ticino, with Gialdi estate (Mendrisio) taking the limelight with their Trentasei 2013. Boasting aromas of black fruit, warm spice and vanilla, this wine won one of only three Grand Gold medals (awarded to entries scoring 92+ points/100), but also the much-coveted titles of Best Swiss Merlot, Best Older Vintage (more than five years), the Vinofed Prize for Best Dry Wine, and the Best Wine in Show award.

The two other Grand Gold medals went to Hommage 2019, a blend made by Leukersonne (Susten, in canton Valais), and to Merlot Divinus 2018 from Germany's Weinkonvent Dürrenzimmern.

### Festival of Award-Winning Merlot wines: taste the competition winners in Zurich

This year's awards ceremony will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> in the centre of Zurich, at Zunfthaus sur Meisen. It will be followed by the Festival des Merlots Primés (Festival of Award-Winning Merlot Wines) and the VINEA on Tour show, which is open to the general public with 23 producers pouring their wines. Entry is free but visitors must register in advance at [www.vinea.ch](http://www.vinea.ch)

**For all the results of the competition, see [www.mondial-du-merlot.com](http://www.mondial-du-merlot.com).**

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