



LE MONDIAL DES VINS BLANCS STRASBOURG

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RESULTS & REPORT OF THE 25TH EDITION OF THE COMPETITION « LE MONDIAL DES VINS BLANCS STRASBOURG »

AN EXCEPTIONAL 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN EVERY WAY !
MORE WINES IN COMPETITION / AN ABUNDANCE OF GRAND OR MEDALS,
PLANETARY EXPERT JUDGES / LEADERS OF VERY HIGH LEVEL MASTERCLASSES.

>> THE BEST WHITE WINE IN THE WORLD IS A SYLVANER

It was live from the PMC at 12:30 p.m. in front of an audience of elected officials, representatives of the world of gastronomy and wine and in the presence of the press and the media that the winners of the special prizes were announced.

It was **Serge DUBS**, 1989 Best Sommelier in the world who hand-delivered **Le Grand Prix du Jury** to **Xavier Muller** winemaker of the eponymous estate in **Marlenheim - FR** for **SYLVANER Cuvée Emile 2020**.

The best white wine in the world is a Sylvaner and this is the first time in 25 years that this variety has reached the top step of the podium !



Xavier Muller, winegrower, winner of The Grand Prix du Jury with Serge Dubs



Special Alsatian Prizes: Domaine Gilbert Ruhlmann, Domaine Xavier Muller, Domaine Bott frères



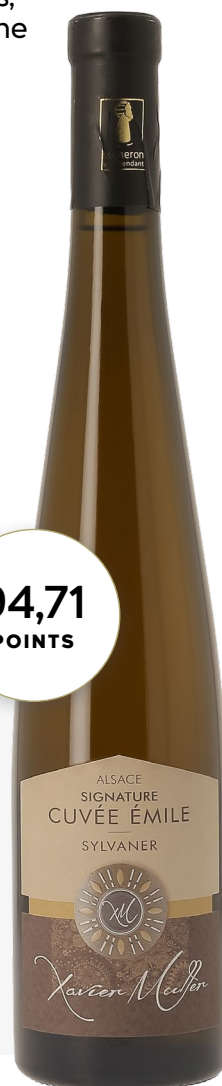
The Grand Jury Prize surrounded by international expert judges

94,71
POINTS

Le Grand Prix du jury

for the wine with the highest score
in the competition

Grape variety Sylvaner
AOC Alsace Sylvaner
Cuvée Emile 2020
DOMAINE XAVIER MULLER
67520 MARLENHEIM
France



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>> THE SPECIAL PRIZES



**94,29
POINTS**

The Vinofed Prize

for dry wine from 0 to 4g
of residual sugar having
obtained the best score
in the competition

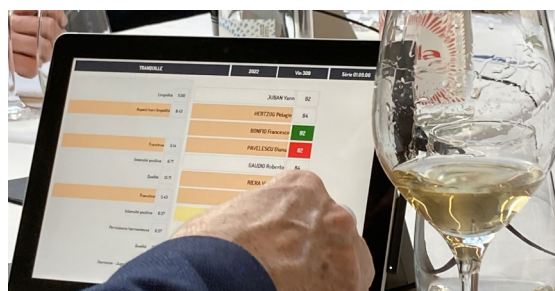
Grape variety
Chardonnay
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Reserva2018 B\|V
VINARSTVI A.S. 69602
RATISKOVICE
Czech Republic



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DRY WINE TROPHIES

	years	Category	Medals	CP	Town	Country
DOMAINE DES BERGERIES DE HAUTE PROVENCE - Cuvée Alma	2021	Assemblage blanc	Grand OR	04200	CHATEAUNEUF VAL SAINT DONAT	France
CHATEAU SIPIAN Collection Blanc	2021	Cépage Blanc	Grand OR	33340	VALEIRAC	France
B\ V VINARSTVI A.S. - Chardonnay Reserva	2018	Chardonnay	Grand OR	69602	RATISKOVICE	République Tchèque
LEO & NINE WINES - DOP Somontano	2022	Gewurztraminer	Or	22423	ESTADILLA (HUESCA)	Espagne
RUHLMANN GILBERT FILS - AOC Alsace Muscat	2022	Muscat	Or	67750	SCHERWILLER	France
B\ V VINARSTVI A.S. - Pinot Blanc Barrique Reserva	2019	Pinot Blanc	Argent	69602	RATISKOVICE	République Tchèque
B\ V VINARSTVI A.S. - Pinot Gris Barrique Reserva	2018	Pinot Gris	Or	69602	RATISKOVICE	République Tchèque
BOTT FRERES - AOC Alsace Riesling Grand Cru Kirchberg de Ribeauvillé	2021	Riesling	Grand OR	68150	RIBEAUVILLE	France
B\ V VINARSTVI A.S. - Sauvignon Reserva	2018	Sauvignon	Or	69602	RATISKOVICE	République Tchèque
CHATEAU VALTICE - VINNE SKLEPY	2020	Sylvaner	Or	69142	VALTICE	République Tchèque
Sylvanske Zelene Pozdni Sber						
LES CAVES RICHEMER - Viognier Richemer	2022	Viognier	Or	34340	MARSEILLAN	France
IGP Pays d'Oc						

All the winners of the special prizes will benefit from worldwide media coverage and relay on social networks and on the contest website for one year.



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>> KEY FIGURES & MEDIA RELAYS

659 samples / 19 countries registered
70 expert judges from 25 countries, from 5 continents

24 GRAND GOLD medals (score > 93 points)
139 Gold medals (score > 89 points)
28 Silver medals (score > 85 points)

The countries having obtained a distinction are the following: **Germany, Australia, Spain, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Switzerland, Ukraine.**

Find the details of the award-winning wines on the home page of our website.



All the winners will be referenced on the international [winesearcher.com](https://www.winesearcher.com) platform and press and media outlets around the world.

>> A DYNAMIC CONTEXT

25 years of competition and a prestigious anniversary report! Participation up by 6.5% with wine estates (independent winegrowers or cooperative cellars) from 19 countries.



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The notoriety of the competition is at the origin of a resurgence of Spanish, Greek, Italian and Swiss samples. Armenia made its first entry.

As for Ukraine, it has been able to organize itself with determination to present real nuggets.

The winegrowers of the Czech Republic and Slovakia are consolidating their membership in the club of countries producing wines of excellence, resulting from a strategy of conquering new markets and very active participation in renowned international competitions.

It should be noted that beyond Alsace, whose samples are equivalent to more

than a third of the wines in competition this year, the French wine regions, such as Médoc, Languedoc or even Provence were more represented, having an effect directly on the winners of the Dry Wine Trophies.



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>> A SURPRISE VINTAGE

The organizers had announced it : this anniversary edition had to innovate both in terms of the competition and the format of the event itself, thus allowing access to white wines from around the world for professionals and winelovers. **The event was therefore structured around 2 days of competition behind closed doors and 2 days of Masterclasses open to the general public.**

A successful bet for the new formula since this year the jury, in addition to the medals and special trophies, awarded 3 favorites for the first time:

♥ among the indigenous grape varieties, **THE CZECH REPUBLIC** 🇨🇪
REISTEN PALAVA MAIDENBURG 2022 PALAVA REISTEN S.R.O. CZECH REPUBLIC,
GRAND GOLD medal

♥ among the first participations, **The greek wine estate AFYTAYON GAIA** 🇬🇷
CABERNET BLANC L9112223 2022 CABERNET BLANC AFYTAION GAIA GREECE
GOLD - GOLD medal

♥ among white wines with maceration (orange wines), **UKRAINE** 🇺🇲
KHALETY TM LIMITED EDITION / 2017 - CHARDONNAY LLC'INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL COMPANY SHABO' UKRAINE
GOLD - GOLD medal








These favorites reflect the trends of consumers who are eager for discoveries, both at the level of the grape variety itself and of wine & food pairings. The new generation of winegrowers have understood this well since they are developing their offer to meet these new needs, often in line with the philosophy of the wine estate itself (orange wine, collaboration with local producers on a short circuit. ..).

As for the MASTERCLASSES open to the general public, they were acclaimed by wine amateurs as well as by professionals - sommeliers, restaurateurs, specialized journalists - who were able to take part in them, in particular during Monday 17th April.



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The countries and regions featured were:

-  • **l'Alsace** with 3 themes „Break your received ideas about Alsace wines“ by the CIVA, „2 generations, 2 wines, 1 terroir“ by the Young Independent Winegrowers of Alsace and the Grand Cru Rangen de Thann led by Serge DUBS, Best Sommelier of the world 1989
-  • **Austria** «Indigenous grape varieties» by Rainer BETZ of the Rust Wine Academy
-  • **Hungary** „The legendary Tokaj vineyard“ with Gabriella OROSZ, Wine educator
-  • **Italy** with „Vini damare – Liguria“ by Enzo GIORGI Regional Coordinator Città del Vino, „Vini del Collio“ by Francesco BONFIO President of AEPI
-  • **Japan** „White Wines and Sakes of Japan“ with Marie CHEONG-THONG Wine Educator & Wine Writer, Toshio UENO Executive Instructor & Vice President Sake School of America
-  • **the USA** with „Les Vins Blancs du Texas“ by Alana MARTINEZ Vigneron at Longhorn Cellars, „Les Vins Blancs des FingerLakes“ with Bob MADILL Chair Promotions & Board Member of NY Wine and Grape Foundation and Annemarie MORSE Wine Educator & Wine Writer
-  • **The South Africa, France and Georgia trio** for an «Initiation to Orange Wine» with Christophe SOUDANT, former Head Sommelier at Gordon Ramsey's Claridge in London

>> HIGH QUALITY WINES

This year the wines presented reach qualitative heights since there are 24 Grand Gold medals (vs 3 in 2022) awarded to 4 countries:

Germany (1), France (16 including 14 Alsace, 1 Médoc and 1 Haute-Provence), the Czech Republic (6) and Ukraine (1); these award-winning white wines are mostly Gewurztraminer (6) but also Riesling (3) blends (2), Pinot Gris (2), Sémillon (1) and Sylvaner (1).

They obtained scores of 93 to 94.71 points

>> THE SPIRIT OF THE MONDIAL

For those who have already taken part in the Mondial, judges, student sommeliers or students at AIVA, guest journalists and members of the staff, it is a real alchemy that takes place between all the actors and partners of this event around this common passion. What wine is and the desire to salute the work accomplished by each participating wine house.

The perfect balance between respect, seriousness, professionalism, curiosity, sharing and communicative friendliness.

The expert judges are the very illustration of this since they were doubly involved for this 25th anniversary: on the one hand carrying out their mission as tasters and on the other hand being involved in the preparation and animation of the world white wines prestigious 11 masterclasses.

The extra soul of this contest also comes from personalities such as **John SALVI, Master of Wine** and from the exceptional sponsor of this edition, **Serge DUBS, Best Sommelier of the world 1989**. Their propensity to transmit and to marvel are precious gifts in particular for the succession of the profession which in full conscience does not miss a drop.

Serge DUBS has always participated in the Mondial des Vins Blancs Strasbourg since 1998, despite his commitments and his position of Head Sommelier at the Michelin starred restaurant L'Auberge de l'Ill in Illhaeusern. He is an example of professionalism, loyalty and passion.



Serge DUBS, 1989 Best Sommelier in the world



Strasbourg Events also makes it a point of honor to receive the 70 judges and introduce them to places of Alsatian wine heritage. This year a tasting was organized in partnership with SYNIRA (Syndicat des Vignerons Indépendants d'Alsace) at the Comptoir des Vignerons Indépendants, place Gutenberg in Strasbourg. After a presentation of the newly inaugurated building and not without recalling its history, the expert and accompanying judges took part in a private tasting in the cellar and then shared the traditional Choucroute garnie at the Caveau Gutlerhoft opposite Strasbourg Cathedral.

>> THE MONDIAL, FACILITATOR OF KNOWLEDGE

Thanks to **partnerships with schools**, the Mondial reinforces its mission as a knowledge broker. For the 25th consecutive year, high school students from the sommelier department of the **Lycée de l'Hôtellerie et du Tourisme Alexandre Dumas** under the leadership of Sandrine ZEHNDER provided impeccable service during the 2 days of tasting and under the watchful eye of Antoine WOERLE, Best Worker of France in Tableware.

The AIVA students were also immersed in the shoes of a judge, since seated next to the table President, each evaluated the wines in competition according to the OIV standards. For them, the greatest gift was also allowing them to attend the Masterclasses, an experience that will mark them and remain a reference in their career.



>> PATRONAGE & PARTNERSHIPS

In addition to the renewal for the 13th consecutive year of the prestigious patronage of **the OIV – the International Organization of Vine and Wine**, Prf. Dr Monika CHRISTMANN, Honorary President of the OIV, Yann JUBAN Deputy to the Director General of the OIV, Fernando GURUCHARRI, President of **VINO FED** and Edita DURCOVA, Delegate of **VINO FED** answered present to preside over a table of judges while carrying out their mission of competition controller.

There are only about thirty competitions in the world that are sponsored by the OIV and **the World Federation of Great Wine and Spirits Competitions** has only 15 competitions among the plethora of existing competitions on the planet.

The ANEV, the National Association of Wine Elected Representatives represented by Olivier SOHLER during the competition has been an involved partner of the Mondial for 3 years.

This year, the expert judges worked with glasses from the Slovak glassworks RONA, which were graciously lent in 2022 and were unanimously appreciated. In 2023 **RONA 5 stars** becomes the official partner of the Mondial des Vins Blancs Strasbourg, pushing the expertise to the point of offering a glass specially designed for tasting orange wines in addition to one intended for white wines without maceration. LOGO RONA



From left to right
Fernando GURUCHARRI, President of VINO FED
Edita DURCOVA, the VINO FED Delegate
Christine COLLINS, Consultant - expert for Strasbourg Events
Teacher. Dr. Monika CHRISTMANN, Honorary President of the OIV
Yann JUBAN, Deputy to the Director General of the OIV

>> UKRAINE SOLIDARITY

A partnership has been initiated with the wine portal Drinks+, creator of the Wine Travel Awards, which for several years has been relaying the competition to develop the participation of winegrowers from Ukraine, a country with a great wine-growing tradition. Strasbourg events renewed free registration and thanks to orchestrated logistics, more than 20 samples were able to compete in 2023.

Two expert Ukrainian judges joined the panel of tasters and presented a selection of still and sparkling wines from Ukraine (out of competition) to the delight of the guests and journalists present on Sunday, April 16th.



Organizers and Ukrainian wine judges

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