

Strasbourg 2026: Two International Wine Competitions, One Shared Ambition

Excellence, innovation and international influence at the service of the wine industry

On March 14 and 15, 2026, Strasbourg hosted two international wine competitions: the 28th edition of the **Mondial des Vins Blancs Strasbourg** and the 1st edition of the **European Red & Rosé Wine Contest**. Organized by **Strasbourg events**, these two complementary competitions reaffirm their role as trendsetters and powerful visibility platforms for producers on an international scale.

A STRIKING OPENING FOCUSED ON UNGRAFTED VINES

A highlight of the 2026 edition was a world-first initiative presented within an international competition: a masterclass dedicated to rare wines made from ungrafted vines (vines that survived the Phylloxera crisis which devastated European vineyards in the 19th century), held on March 14 as the opening of the competitions.

Led by **Roberta Bernasconi-Borella**, a Swiss professional sommelier and member of the ASSP (Swiss Association of Professional Sommeliers), wine judge at **Le Mondial des vins blancs** for over than 10 years, as well as Head of Competitions and Swiss delegate of the Italian National Association for the Protection of Ungrafted Vines (AVIPF), this session brought together international judges, press and media representatives and students from the sommelier program at the hospitality school of Illkirch-Graffenstaden.

Following a one-hour in-depth presentation covering both historical and technical aspects, attendees tasted four ungrafted wines from the following Italian and Swiss estates:

- *Cantine Salvatore Martusciello, Pozzuoli (Naples, Italy)*
- *Feudo Cavaliere, Santa Maria di Licodia (Etna, Sicily)*
- *Roeno Azienda Agricola, Brentino Belluno (Adige Valley, Veneto-Trentino border)*
- *Jodern Kellerei, Visperterminen (Valais, Switzerland)*

Roberta Bernasconi-Borella guided the tasting, highlighting these exceptional wines as powerful expressions of their respective terroirs.

Participants explored a curated selection of rare wines, true expressions of an exceptional viticultural heritage.

Ungrafted wines represent a cross-cutting theme across both competitions, embodying both the historical roots of viticulture and the contemporary challenges facing the wine industry today.



LE MONDIAL DES VINS BLANCS STRASBOURG

A worldwide recognized benchmark

28th edition

2 GRANDS PRIX DU JURY

The Grand Prix du Jury, Grand Gold Medal – 94.8 points, is awarded ex aequo to :

- **AOC Alsace Gewurztraminer Grand Cru Hengst 2024**
Domaine Pierre Adam – Ammerschwihr (France)
- **AOC Alsace Pinot Gris Grand Cru Steinert 2024**
Domaine Henri Martischang – Pfaffenheim (France)



KEY FIGURES

487 samples tasted including 2% ungrafted wines

15 participating countries

60 experts wine judges from 26 countries

146 medals awarded and **18 SPECIAL PRIZES**

of which • 17 Grand Gold • 119 Gold • 10 Silver
(Maximum 30% of medals per category, in accordance with OIV regulations)

9 awarded countries : Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Slovakia, Switzerland, Ukraine.

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SPECIAL PRIZES

2 VINO FED AWARDS – THE BEST DRY WINES, The Czech Republic stands out

Still wine – Grand Gold Medal – 94,2 points

Tramin Cerveny Reserva 2022 - B\V VINARSTVI a.s.– Ratiskovice (Czech Republic)

Sparkling wine (Brut) – Grand Gold Medal – 93 points

Bohemia Sekt Louis Girardot Brut 2021 - BOHEMIA SEKT s.r.o. - Stary Plzenec (Czech Republic)

10 DRY WINE TROPHIES Shared between Czech Republic, France, Italy, and Slovakia (Wines with 0 to 4 g/l residual sugar)

- **Blend**
Côtes du Roussillon blanc bio cuvée L'Effrontée 2019 - Domaine de Vénus – Maury (France)
- **Other grape variety**
Müller-Thurgau Trentino DOC 2025 - Cantina Aldeno SCA – Aldeno (Italy)
- **Chardonnay**
Ego n° 70 chardonnay pozdni sber suche 2024 - zamecke vinarstvi bzenec s.r.o. – Bzenec (Czech Republic)
- **Gewurztraminer (and VINO FED Prize still wine)**
Tramin cerveny, reserva 2022 – B\V Vinarstvi a.s.– Ratiskovice (Czech Republic)
- **Muscat**
Muskat moravsky moravske zemske vino suche 2025 – Vinarstvi Josef Valihrach sro – Krumvir (Czech Republic)
- **Pinot Blanc**
Pinot blanc identity 2025 - Milan Skovajsa shr – Pezinok (Slovakia)
- **Pinot Gris**
AOC Alsace Pinot Gris “Casse-Noisette” 2024 - Gruss Joseph & Fils – Eguisheim (France)
- **Riesling**
AOC Alsace Grand Cru Altenberg de Bergbieten 2022 - Cave du Roi Dagobert – Alliance Alsace – Turckheim (France)
- **Sauvignon**
Sauvignon, reserva 2022 – B\V Vinarstvi a.s.– Ratiskovice (Czech Republic)
- **Sylvaner**
AOC Alsace “Caractère – Schiste” 2025 - Wolfberger Cave Vinicole d'Eguisheim – Eguisheim (France)

6 JURY FAVORITES Shared between France, Italy and Spain

♥ Best ungrafted wine (indigenous grape variety)

Macchia Bianco – Campi Flegrei DOP Falanghina 2020 - Il Quarto Miglio (Italy)

♥ Best wine from an indigenous grape variety

Colli di Luni Vermentino "ORO D'ISE'E" – La Baia Del Sole – Federici 2025 – Azienda Agricola Federici- Luni (Italy)

♥ Best orange wine

AOC Alsace Vin Orange 2024 – Assemblage - Domaine André Regin – Wolxheim (France)

♥ Best first participation

Matayac IGP Côtes de Gascogne Colombard Sauvignon Terra Vitis 2025 – Assemblage - Castel Frères – Béziers (France)

♥ Dealcoholized still wine

Baron de Hoen – Vin de France désalcoolisé - Cave de Beblenheim – Beblenheim (France)

♥ Dealcoholized sparkling wine

Vin blanc désalcoolisé pétillant Cuvée Pépille 2025 - Domaine Kirmann – Epfig (France)

A WORLDWIDE RECOGNIZED COMPETITION

The Mondial des Vins Blancs Strasbourg benefits from:

- the patronage of the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV) for 16 years
- the patronage of the International Union of Oenologists (UIOE) starting in 2026
- membership in VINOFEF (World Federation of Major International Wine & Spirits Competitions) for 12 years
- the support of the French National Association of Wine Elected Officials (ANEV) for 5 years

Strong guarantees of rigor, credibility and international recognition.

The wine service during both competitions is carried out by students from the sommelier program at the **Alexandre Dumas Hospitality School in Illkirch-Graffenstaden**, using glasses specifically adapted to each wine type, provided by partner **RONA 5 Star Glass**.



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EUROPEAN RED & ROSÉ WINE CONTEST

A competition aligned with new market trends
1st edition

GRANDS PRIX DU JURY ROSÉ and RED

- **Grand Prix du Jury Rosé** – Gold medal – 91,8 points
AOC Champagne Comtes de Champagne Rosé 2013
Taittinger – Reims (France)
- **Grand Prix du Jury Red** – Gold medal – 91 points
Maset del Lleó 1777 - 2021
Agrupació Viticultors Artisans SL – Maset – (Spain)



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KEY FIGURES & POSITIONING

59 tasted samples (including 20% ungrafted wines)

18 medals awarded (14 Gold– 4 Silver) including 6 ungrafted wines awarded and 3 FAVORITES awarded

5 awarded countries: France, Greece, Italy, Slovakia and Spain
(maximum 33,33% medals allowed)

The first edition highlights: the rise of lighter, more accessible red wines, the dynamism of rosé wines, the growing importance of native grape varieties, the recognition of wines from own-rooted vines

A wine industry in transition, between tradition and innovation

3 JURY FAVORITES among wines from Italy and Slovakia

spotlighting wines from own-rooted vines and native grape varieties, which are at the core of evolving market trends

♥ Best ungrafted rosé

Aria di Mari Isola dei Nuraghi Metodo Classico Rosato PAS DOC 2024 - Cantina Li Seddi – Badesi (Italy)
Grape Cannonau

♥ Best ungrafted indigenous red

Serpico Irpinia Aglianico DOC 2018 - Feudi di San Gregorio – Sorbo Serpico (Italy)
Grape Aglianico

♥ Best indigenous grape red

Ostrožovič Dunaj Special Collection 2024 - Ostrožovič spol. s r.o. – Veľká Trňa (Slovakia)
Grape Dunaj

With these two international competitions, Strasbourg events — organizer of wine competitions for nearly three decades confirms its role as a trend observatory, a recognition accelerator for winemakers, an international visibility platform for awarded estates.

FULL RESULTS OF BOTH WINE CONTESTS

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