

Press Release

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MUNDUS VINI Summer Tasting 2021:

Wines from all over the world impress the expert jury

More than 4,500 wines from 35 wine-growing nations of the world were tasted blind at the 29th Grand International Wine Award MUNDUS VINI, evaluated and the best wines were awarded.

Wines from overseas were awarded a total of 4 Grand Gold, 110 Gold and 78 Silver medals. Australia received a total of 58 awards (1 Grand Gold, 36 Gold, 21 Silver), closely followed by South Africa with 53 awards (32 Gold, 21 Silver), Argentina (26 medals), Chile (21), United States of America (17), New Zealand (13), Peru (2) as well as Mexico and Uruguay (1).

The best wineries of the Summer Tasting 2021 are, among others, Casella Family Brands from Australia with a total of 16 awarded wines (1 Grand Gold, 13 Gold, 2 Silver), M.P. Wines from Argentina with a total of 11 awarded wines (1 Grand Gold, 7 Gold, 3 Silver), Spier Wines from South Africa with a total of 10 awarded wines (6 Gold, 4 Silver), Delicato Family Wines from the USA (8 medals) and Booster Wine Group from New Zealand (5).

Looking to Europe, wine producers from Italy were once again able to secure the unofficial title as the most successful winemaking nation. A total of 498 awards (seven Grand Gold, 280 Gold and 211 Silver) were given to the wines tasted. They are followed in the ranking by Spain (339 awards), Germany (234), Portugal (162) and France (119). Wines from Eastern Europe were particularly impressive this year with a total of 195 awards, including two Grand Gold, 103 Gold and 90 Silver medals.

The special "Best of Show" award, given exclusively to the best wine in a category, is given by the Summer Tasting for, among others, "Best of Show Australia red" (2019 Peter Lehmann The Barossan Shiraz), "Best of Show Champagne" (Alfred Gratien Millesime 2007), "Best of Show Riesling dry" (Reichsrat von Buhl) and "Best of Show Port" (Feuerheerd's Colheita 2005).

"We and especially our expert jury, consisting of 30 different nationalities, were very pleased that the Summer Tasting could take place again in an almost normal way. For more than 20 years, MUNDUS VINI has stood for a reliable, neutral and honest evaluation of wines from all over the world. The feedback from our tasters as well as from wineries, traders and wine connoisseurs shows us that something unique has been created here," Director Degustation Christian Wolf draws a positive conclusion.

All results of the MUNDUS VINI Summer Tasting 2021 can be found at MEININGER ONLINE (www.meininger.de/en/wein/verkostungen/mundus-vini/ergebnisse).

About MUNDUS VINI:

MUNDUS VINI was founded over 20 years ago, and from the beginning has been one of the most important wine competitions in the world. The 12,000 wines that are submitted every year are clear proof of the importance this competition has now achieved all over the world. They are evaluated using the 100-point system of the International Organization of Vine and Wine (OIV). The Wine Award process takes place twice a year, in spring and late summer. The initiator of the Grand International Wine Award MUNDUS VINI is the Meininger publishing house.

About the MEININGER VERLAG:

The publishing company Meininger Verlag was established in Neustadt an der Weinstrasse in 1903. One of Germany's oldest specialist publishing companies, it is now being run in the fourth generation of the family by Andrea Meininger-Apfel and Christoph Meininger. In particular, the company specialises in the wine and beverage sector. Alongside its well-known trade journals like "Wine Business International", the company also organises trade fairs, industry events and conventions. Meininger has successfully made a name for itself internationally with the Grand International Wine Award MUNDUS VINI. Furthermore, the media company also stages numerous wine competitions, such as MUNDUS VINI Nordic, Best of Riesling, Meiningers International Rosé Award, Meiningers Deutscher Sektpreis, Meiningers Rotweinpreis and Meiningers Deutscher Burgunderpreis.

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