**Press Release**

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**Meininger’s International Rosé Award**

***Rosé wines of the year 2022 awarded at ProWein***

***St. Antony Winery and Château d'Esclans are the best rosé producers***

**The awards for the best rosé wines of 2022 were presented during the world's leading trade fair ProWein in Düsseldorf. Rosé wine is the trend topic of the year and convinces with increasing qualities. In total, just over 300 rosé wines were able to convince the expert jury this year and were awarded a medal.**

**The best rosé producer in Germany in 2022 is the St. Antony winery from the Rheinhessen growing region. Within a very short time, Dirk Würtz and his team have built up an outstanding series of different rosé wines that is unparalleled in Germany. In addition, Dirk Würtz was able to receive the award for the "Best barrel-aged Rosé Rheinhessen" (Premium) for his 2020 Wunderschön PURE Rosé.**

**This year's Best Rosé Producer France is Château d'Esclans, a winery from La Motte in Provence already very well known for its excellent rosé wines.**

**Other lucky winners are Weingut Friedrich Kiefer from Baden (Best Rosé off-dry in retail markets), Weingut Hammel (Best barrel-aged Rosé Pfalz) as well as Weingut Bergdolt-Reif & Nett (Best Rosé Pfalz), Weingut Johanninger (Best Rosé Rheinhessen), Weingut Häußermann (Best Rosé Württemberg) as well as Weingärtner Cleebronn-Güglingen, Württemberg (Best Rosé Germany in retail markets).**

**Internationally, Maison Mirabeau (Best Rosé France), Zonin 1821 (Best Rosé Italy), Winzer Krems (Best Rosé Austria in retail markets), Felix Solis avantis (Best Rosé Spain in retail markets) as well as Señorío de Villarrica (Best Rosé Spain) were also personally present at the award ceremony and were able to receive their certificates from Director Degustation Christian Wolf.**

**"Rosé wine is the trendy topic and has been clearly demonstrating for several years that it is not the compromise between red and white wine, but has its very own signature. Rosé is gaining in importance worldwide and wine connoisseurs can find both fun, easy-drinking terrace wines, but also highly complex, exciting and storable wines," Christian Wolf described the development during the award ceremony.**

**On a total of four tasting days, the rosé wines were blind tasted by a 50-member expert jury of oenologists, specialist retailers, sommeliers and journalists. The basis of the tasting is the international 100-point scheme, which has been further developed by Meininger Verlag over the past 20 years.**

**A total of 307 rosé wines from all over the world were awarded this year, 55 wines were awarded 90 points and more.**

**Just over half of the awarded wines come from German wine-growing regions. The front-runner is the Palatinate with 56 award-winning rosé wines, followed by 33 wines from Rheinhessen as well as 21 wines from Baden and 18 from Württemberg. Wines from the Mosel or Franconia also impressed with their very good quality.**

**The international winners also showed their best side, first and foremost France with 58 award-winning wines, Italy with 43 and Spain with 16 rosé wines. 15 awards went to Austria and 10 to Portugal. Winners from Romania (6), Greece (2) and Australia (1) also received awards.**

**All awarded rosé wines can be found at:**

<https://www.meininger.de/en/wine/verkostungen/ergebnisse/meiningers-international-rose-award-2022>

**The best international rosé wines at a glance:**

**Best Rosé Austria**

2021 Zweigelt Rosé

Organic Winery Oppenauer, Poysdorf, Austria

**Best Rosé Austria in retail markets**

2021 13 Zweigelt Rosé

Winzer Krems, Austria

**Best Rosé France**

2021 Mirabeau Etoile AOP Côtes de Provence

Maison Mirabeau, France

**Best Rosé Italy**

2021 Zinzula Negroamaro Rosato IGT Salento

Masseria Altemura, Italy

**Best Rosé Italy in retail markets**

2021 Ammiraglia IGT Maremma Toscana

Marchesi de Frescobaldo, Italy

**Best Rosé Spain**

2021 Señorío de Villarrica Rosé DOCa Rioja Alta

Señor de Villarrica S.L., Spain

**Best Rosé Spain in retail markets**

2021 Viña Albali Rosado

Felix Solis Avantis S.A., Spain

**The best German rosé wines at a glance:**

**Best Rosé Pfalz**

2021 III Tradition Cabernet Franc Rosé dry

Weingut Bergdolt-Reif & Nett, Neustadt, Pfalz

**Best barrel-aged Rosé Pfalz**

2017 Ureigen Rosé dry

Weingut Hammel, Kirchheim, Pfalz

**Best Rosé Rheinhessen**

2021 Ein Schluck vom Himmel Rosé

Johanninger KG, Biebelsheim, Rheinhessen

**Best barrel-aged Rosé Rheinhessen**

2020 Wundervoll PURE Rosé

St. Antony Weingut, Nierstein, Rheinhessen

**Best Rosé Württemberg**

2021 Lily Rosé

Weingut Häußermann, Diefenbach, Württemberg

**Best Rosé Germany in retail markets**

2021 Sagenhaft Rosé dry

Weingärtner Cleebronn-Güglingen, Cleebronn, Württemberg

**Best Rosé off-dry**

2021 Pinot Noir Rosé off-dry

Weingut Leitz KG, Rüdesheim/Rhein, Rheingau

**Best Rosé off-dry in retail markets**

2021 Schmetterlinge im Bauch

Friedrich Kiefer KG, Eichstetten, Baden

**The best rosé producers of Meininger's International Rosé Award 2022 at a glance:**

**St. Antony Weingut**

Nierstein, Rheinhessen

**Château d'Esclans**

La Motte, France

**About Meininger's International Rosé Award**

The competition exclusively tastes rosé wines from all over the world in a total of four categories:

Rosé dry, barrel-aged Rosé dry (Premium), Rosé off-dry/semi-dry, Rosé noble sweet.

The wines submitted to the competition are tasted and evaluated blind, i.e. without knowledge of the exact origin and producer, by a jury of experts specially invited to the competition on the basis of the internationally recognised 100-point scheme.

The competition is the only state-recognised competition exclusively for rosé wines from all over the world.

The organiser of the competition is Meininger Verlag, founded in 1903, one of Germany's oldest specialist publishers and a fourth-generation family-run business. The company specialises in particular in the wine and beverage industry and is the European market leader in the wine sector with its portfolio. In addition to well-known trade magazines, the company organises trade fairs, industry events and trade congresses. Internationally, Meininger Verlag has made a successful name for itself with the MUNDUS VINI Grand International Wine Award.

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