

Upain, Navarra 2008 ● Navarro López, Old Vines Gran Reserva Tempranillo, Valdepeñas 2009 ● New Vinergia 2005, La Sorda, Rioja 2012 ● Nubori, Campo Burgo, Rioja Crianza 2010 ● Ochoa, Tempranillo Crianza, Navarra 2011 ● Olarra, 2 Año, Rioja 2013 ● Olarra, Añares, Rioja Crianza 2013 ● Olarra, Añares, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Olarra, Cerro Afón, Rioja Reserva 2011 ● Olarra, Clásico, Rioja Reserva 2011 ● Olarra, Erudito, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Olarra, Láztana, Rioja 2014 ● Olarra, Otoñal, Rioja 2014 ● Olarra, Otoñal, Rioja Crianza 2013 ● Olarra, Rivallana, Rioja Reserva 2011 ● Olarra, Rioja Crianza 2013 ● Olimpia 1917, Navarra 2010 ● Oller del Mas, Arnao Oller, Plà de Bagés 2011 ● Ondarre, Hand Selected for Spar La Catedral, Rioja 2014 ● Ondarre, Mayor de Ondarre, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Ondarre, Ursia Maior, Rioja Crianza 2013 ● Ondarre, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Otañon, Teón, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2012 ● Ortubia, Parlaiza, Rioja Crianza 2010 ● Otazu, Premium, Navarra 2011 ● Otto Bestué, Joven Merlot, Somontano 2014 ● Paco García, Seis, Rioja 2014 ● Pago Casa Gran, Casa Benasal, Valencia 2010 ● Pago de Cirrus, Vendimia Selecciónada, Navarra 2012 ● Pago de Larraínzar, Angel de Larraínzar, Navarra 2014 ● Pago de Larraínzar, Raso, Navarra 2010 ● Pago de Larraínzar, Reserva Especial, Navarra 2009 ● Pagos del Rey, Arnegui, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Pagos del Rey, Caño, Alta Expressión, Toro 2012 ● Palacio, Glorioso, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Palacio Hijos de Antonio Barceló, El Portico, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Palarea, Castilla 2012 ● Pata Negra, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Pata Negra, Ribera del Duero Reserva 2009 ● Pata Negra, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2011 ● Patrocinio, Señorio da Uñuela Tempranillo, Rioja 2014 ● Patrocinio, Zinio Selección de Suelos, Rioja 2011 ● Peique, Viñedos Viejos, Bierzo 2010 ● Perelada, 5 Fincas, Reserva, Empordà 2011 ● Perelada, Finca Malaveña, Empordà 2011 ● Perfecto Martínez, 1808 Temperamento Natural, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Pino Doncel, Cinco Meses, Jumilla 2014 ● Piqueras 100 Años, Almansa 2011 ● Pirineos Alquezar, Somontano 2010 ● Pléyades, Shiraz, Cariñena 2014 ● Primicia, Carravacas, Rioja 2014 ● Primicia, Carravacas de Primicia, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Proelio, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Protos, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2011 ● Raimat, Anima de Raimat, Costers del Segre 2012 ● Raimat, Castell de Raimat Tempranillo, Costers del Segre 2012 ● Ramírez de la Piscina, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Ramón Bilbao, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Real Compañía de Vinos, Vendimia Selecciónada Tempranillo, Castilla 2010 ● Regalia de Ollauri, Terán, Versum, Rioja 2012 ● Ribas del Cúa Joven, Bierzo 2014 ● Rioja Vega, Edición Limitada, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Rioja Vega, Rioja Gran Reserva 2009 ● Roda, Rioja 2012 ● Rodríguez Sanzo, Damalisco, Toro Crianza 2012 ● Rodriguez Sanzo, Damalisco Selección De Familia, Toro 2011 ● Ruiz de Viñaspre, Delirio, Rioja 2007 ● Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Gran Reserva, Cariñena 2008 ● Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection, Reciente, Rioja NV ● San Alejandro, Baltasar Gracian Crianza, Calatayud 2012 ● San Alejandro, Baltasar Gracian Garnacha Old Vines, Calatayud 2013 ●

Switzerland



Regional Co-Chair

Paolo Basso (see judges, p4)

SWITZERLAND'S INCREASED DWWA presence this year (305 entries compared with 126 last year) is evidence of the producers' will to confront themselves with the international scene. The new generation of wine growers and oenologists is open to changes and

new experiences and focused on improving quality. The Swiss vineyard is a patchwork of cultures and traditions where diversity mirrors the great richness on offer. In Switzerland, a broad variety of wines can be found, many – such as those recommended here – of international quality. From the famous Chasselas, which is versatile in food matching, or the excitement presented by Heida/Païen, or even the Bordeaux-style blends of the Tessin region in the south, Swiss wines offer a range of exceptional aromas, flavours and textures.

What should we buy from here?

Chasselas, from the French-speaking part of Switzerland, is a perfect wine as an aperitif that will take you through a meal of freshwater fish or sushi, and finally with a cheese course. You should always have some in your cellar. Increasingly sought after are the local Valais variety of Heida/Païen and Completer from Graubünden in the eastern part of Switzerland. These are great choices to match refined cuisine based on seafood or Italian pastas and risottos. And don't miss Shiraz blends with local grapes like Cornalin, Humagne and Diolinoir, plus fine varietal Merlots from Tessin/Ticino.

What should we leave on the shelf?

Traditional wines that have some residual sugar content: they are not dry and not sweet and not successful as either style. What makes it more difficult is that this sweetness isn't reflected on the label.

What should we keep an eye on?

It's a cliché, but all regions and wine styles in Switzerland are worth following. The current cycle of improvement is continuing year by year and quality is increasing noticeably. The efforts of the most dynamic and committed producers have been rewarded, too, with a Trophy and five Golds this year. But to truly appreciate the diversity and beauty of the Swiss vineyard, take a trip and enjoy the wine in situ!

Switzerland won
0 International
Trophies (see p19)
1 Regional Trophy
(see p56)

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Gold white

● Adrian & Diego Mathier, Petite Arvin de Molignon, Valais 2013 (13.5%)

POA Alpine Wines
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● Cheste Agraria, Calafia Moscatel, Valencia 2014 ● Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Moscatel, Valencia NV

● Torres, Floralis Moscatel Oro, Vino de Mesa NV

Commended fortified white

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The palate is sculpted and fresh, with juicy citrus and apple fruit allied with layers of more exotic lychee and mango, underscored by a compact seam of minerals.

Didier Joris, Amigne, Vétroz, Valais 2014 (15%)

POA Alpine Wines
Mineral and flinty, lifted by delicious notes of lemon and mandarin which are spiky but fully ripe. There's a floral aspect to the weighty palate which has a fine mineral spine, integrated oak to enhance the full fruit, and a really, long-lasting finish.

Provins, Maîtres de Chais, Heida, Valais 2013 (14%)

POA Alpine Wines
Aromas of citrus, toast, stone fruit, white flower blossom, herbs, honey, dried pineapple and just a hint of late-harvest aromas. A luxurious, richer style, this displays a lot of class, with tangy lemon acidity and really fantastic length.

Gold red

● Provins, Clos Corbassières, Valais 2011 (15%)

POA Alpine Wines
Meaty and powerful, but stylish too, with a charming nose of jasmine, vanilla, red currant, strawberry jam, liquorice, leather and tobacco. There's exquisite concentration and length to the palate, with the dark fruit augmented by black olive, varnish and chocolate.

Gold sweet white

● Provins, Tourbillon, Valais 2011 (12%)

POA Alpine Wines
Complex and effusive nose of lemon marmalade, peach, honeysuckle, apricot and spice. Very sweet – nectar-like even – yet refreshing too, with finely balanced acidity and unctuous, honey-coated fruit draped in cinnamon. Delicious stuff.

Silver white

● Benoît Dorsaz, Petite Arvine de Fully Quintessence, Valais 2012

Cave des Amandiers, Les Seyès Petite Arvine, Valais 2012
Charles Bonvin, Valais 2013

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● Brivio, Platinum, Ticino 2011

● Brivio, Riflessi D'Epoca, Ticino 2012

● Domaine du Montet, Côte

Silver red

● Adrian & Diego Mathier, Folissimo, Valais 2010

● Alain Paley, Réserve d'Epicure Gamaret, Lavaux, Vaud 2011

● Anne-Carole & Conrad Caloz, Pinot Noir La Mourzière, Sierre, Valais 2013

● Blaise Duboux, Le Treillant, Dézaley, Vaud 2013

● Bolle, Barrique Pinot Noir, Vaud 2012

● Brivio, Platinum, Ticino 2011

● Brivio, Riflessi D'Epoca, Ticino 2012

● Domaine du Montet, Côte

Silver sweet white

● Provins, Grains de Malice, Valais 2011

● Jean-René Germanier, Amigne Balavaud, Vétroz Grand Cru, Valais 2013

● Jean-René Germanier, Clos de la Coute Heida, Valais 2013

● Kursner, Mi-Coteau Grand Cru, Féchy, Vaud 2014

● La Cave de Genève, L'Aiglette Sauvignon Blanc, Geneva 2013

● La Colombe, Grise Réserve, Vaud 2013

● Les Balisières, Chardonnay, Geneva 2012

● Les Petit Château, Les Traditions Chasselas, Vully, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2014

● Marc-Henri Duboux, Epesses, Lavaux, Vaud 2013

● Philippe Bovet, Chardonnay, Vaud 2012

● Philippe Bovet, Les Perruets, Chasselas, Vaud 2012

● Provins, Petite Arvine de Fully, Valais 2013

● Rahm, Art Pinot Gris, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013

● Renaissance, Fendant Clos d'Anzier, Valais 2013 ➤

● Badoux, Aigle Les Murailles, Chablais, Vaud 2013

● Domaine du Petit Château, Colline 1789, Vully, Neuchâtel & Chablais, Vaud 2013

● Ferrari, Castanar Riserva, Ticino 2011

● Gregor Kuonen, Sélection J François Kuonen, Valais 2013

● Jean-René Germanier, Champmarais Cornalin, Valais 2010

● Kopp von der Crone Visini, Scala, Della Svizzera Italiana, Ticino 2012

● Le Vidome, Modus Vivendi Syrah, Valais 2010

● Les Fils de Charles Favre, Collection F Merlot, Valais 2010

● Moncucchetto, Riserva Merlot, Ticino 2012

● Vins des Chevaliers, Chevalier d'Or, Valais 2013

● Clos du Châtelard, Le Clos, Villeneuve Grand Cru, Chablais, Vaud 2013

● Château Constellation, Heida, Valais 2013

● Château de Crochet, Chardonnay Grand Cru Mont-sur-Rolle, La Côte, Vaud 2011

● Domaine des Bonnettes, Savagnin Blanc, Geneva 2013

● Domaine Les Faunes, Scheurebe, Geneva 2013

● Flaktion, Torpâ, Vin de Table 2012

● Gregor Kuonen, Johannisberg, Valais 2014

● Jean-Pierre Pellegrin, Kerner-Riesling-Sauvignon Blanc, Geneva 2013

● Maître de Chais Provins, Petite Arvine, Valais 2013

● Philippe Bovet, Atlantique Gamay, Vaud 2012

● Philippe Bovet, Léman, Vaud 2010

● Philippe Bovet, Merlot, Vaud 2010

● Provins, Maître de Chais, Rouge d'Enfer, Valais 2011

● Provins, Maitre de Chais, Rouge d'Enfer Réserve, Valais 2008

● Tamborini, Comano Merlot, Ticino 2012

● Tamborini, SanZeno Costamagna Riserva, Ticino 2012

● Tenuta San Giorgio, Crescendo, Ticino 2013

● Thiberry Constantin, Le Païen/Der Heida Réserve, Valais 2013

● Vins des Chevaliers, Valais 2014

● Von Tschärer, Jensiner Completer, Sprecher Gut, Graubünden, Eastern Cantons 2012

● Varone, Clos Combe d'Uvrier, Valais 2010

● Wittwer, Les Corbassières Cornalin, Valais 2011

● Wittwer, Les Corbassières Pinot Noir Valais 2012

Silver sparkling white

● Philippe Bovet, Brut, Vin de Table NV

● Jean-René Germanier, Clos de la Coute Heida, Valais 2013

● Kursner, Mi-Coteau Grand Cru, Féchy, Vaud 2014

● La Cave de Genève, L'Aiglette Sauvignon Blanc, Geneva 2013

● La Colombe, Grise Réserve, Vaud 2013

● Les Balisières, Chardonnay, Geneva 2012

● Les Petit Château, Les Traditions Chasselas, Vully, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2014

● Marc-Henri Duboux, Epesses, Lavaux, Vaud 2013

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- Renaissance, Petite Arvine, Valais 2013
- Reynald Parmelin, Grand Cru Johanniter, La Côte, Vaud 2013
- Reynald Parmelin, Grand Cru Sauvignon Gris, La Côte, Vaud 2014
- Robert Gilliard, Roussanne Les Tonneliers, Valais 2012
- Serge Diserens, Les Moines Grand Cru, Villeneuve, Chablais, Vaud 2013
- St Jodern Kellerei, Fendant, Wallis, Valais 2013
- Steiner, Bielersee Chardonnay Réserve, Bienna, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2012
- Von Tscharner, Maienfelder, Brisig Pinot Blanc-Chardonnay, Graubünden, Eastern Cantons 2013
- Wehrli, Sauvignon Kuttigen, Aargau, Eastern Cantons 2014
- Wittwer, Les Corbassières Fendant, Valais 2013
- Wittwer, Tsaboura Chardonnay, Valais 2013

Bronze red

- Adrian Mathier, Nouveau Séquenel, L'Ambassadeur, Valais 2012
- Albert Mathier & Fils, Vinum Lignum Salconio, Valais 2013
- Anne-Carole & Conrad Caloz, Cornalin, Valais 2013
- Azienda Mondo, Ronco dei Cilegi, Ticino 2011
- Badoux, Aigle Les Murailles Rouge, Chablais, Vaud 2013
- Cantine Latini, Ceppi Vecchi, Ticino 2011
- Cave des Amandiers, Cornalin, Valais 2012
- Cave des Amandiers, Cornalin Combe d'Enfer, Valais 2012
- Cave du Rhodan, Mustique, Valais 2014
- Charles Bonvin, Valais 2013
- Château Constellation, Cornalin, Valais 2014
- Château Constellation, Syrah, Valais 2014
- Château Le Rosey, Garanoir Barrique, La Côte, Vaud 2011
- Chiodi Ascona, Rompidée Merlot, Ticino 2012
- Clos de la George, Syrah, Grand Cru Yvorne, Chablais, Vaud 2011
- Clos du Châtelard, Anthologie Grand Cru Villeneuve, Chablais, Vaud 2012
- Clos du Châtelard, Hypérion, Grand Cru Villeneuve, Chablais, Vaud 2011
- Daniel Huber, Montagna Magica, Ticino 2012
- Denis Mercier, Cornalin, Valais 2012
- Denis Mercier, Syrah, Valais 2012
- Domaine de Crochet, Cuvée Charles Auguste, Grand Cru Mont-sur-Rolle, La Côte, Vaud 2011
- Domaine de l'Ovalie, Yvorne Grand Cru, Chablais, Vaud 2012
- Domaine de l'Ovalie, Yvorne Grand Cru, Chablais, Vaud 2011
- Domaine des Chantailles, Concerto Grand Cru Tartegnin, La Côte, Vaud 2012
- Domaine du Petit Château,

Grand Vin, Vully, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2011

- Pellegrin, Cabernet Franc & Sauvignon, Geneva 2011
- Domaine Grisoni, Cuvée St-Louis, Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2013
- Domaine Rouvinez, Coeur de Domaine, Valais 2013
- Etat de Neuchâtel, Les Clos Pinot Noir, Auvernier, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2012
- Ferrari, Castanar Riserva, Ticino 2009
- Flaktion, Lo Grafion, Vin de Table 2012
- Flaktion, Merlot, Valais 2012
- Gialdi, Sassi Grossi, Ticino 2012
- Gialdi, Trentasei, Ticino 2010
- Gregor Kuonen, Grandmâtre Cabernet Franc, Valais 2013
- Histoire d'Enfer, Cornalin, Sierre, Valais 2012
- Histoire d'Enfer, L'Enfer de la Patience Syrah, Sierre, Valais 2012
- Jean-René Germanier, Cayas, Syrah, Valais 2012
- Jolimont, Dolce Vita, Vin de Table 2013
- Kopp von der Crone Visini, Balin, Della Svizzera Italiana, Ticino 2012
- Kursner, Absolu, Vaud 2013
- La Cave de Genève, Infini, Geneva 2012
- La Cave de Genève, Les Vins de Philippe Chevrier, Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon, Geneva 2012
- L'Azienda Mondo, Questo, Ticino 2012
- Le Vidomme, Modus Vivendi, Valais 2010
- Les Fils de Charles Favre, Cornalin Collection F, Valais 2011
- Les Fils de Charles Favre, Hurlevent Cuvée Prestige, Valais 2011
- Louis-Philippe Burgat, Charlotte Pinot, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2013
- Monti, Il Canto Della Terra, Ticino 2012
- Monti, Malcantone, Ticino 2012
- Monti, Rovere Merlot, Ticino 2012
- Monticello, Racconti Riserva, Ticino 2012



BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

Adam Pawlowski MS

PAWLOWSKI IS HEAD sommelier at country-house hotel Northcote in Lancashire and its Michelin-starred restaurant. After earning a masters degree in his native Poland, Pawlowski moved to the UK where he developed a passion for food and wine. Following further studies, he joined the Northcote team in 2009 as assistant sommelier. In 2014 he was a semi-finalist at the UK Sommelier of the Year competition and was named Poland's Best Sommelier. Last year he also became a Master Sommelier, winning the award for the candidate with highest overall marks.

Bronze sweet white

- Adrian & Diego Mathier, Vin Liquoreux Gemma, Valais 2012
- Benoît Dorsaz, Grain de Folie, Valais 2011
- Cave des Amandiers, Le Tsenevi, Valais 2011
- Domaine Rouvinez, Grains Nobles, Valais 2005
- Jean-René Germanier, Mitis, Amigne de Vétroz, Valais 2012
- La Cave de Genève, Intuition Vin Doux, Geneva 2013
- La Cave de Genève, Intuition Vin Doux, Geneva 2014
- La Cave de Genève, La Muse, Geneva 2012

Bronze sweet red

- Philippe Bovet, Divin Pinot Noir Passerillé, Vaud 2012,

Commended white

- Badoux, Lettres de Noblesse Viognier, Chablais, Vaud 2013 ● Bernard Bosseau, Domaine de la Planta, Azimut Premier Cru de Dardagny, Geneva 2011 ● Bolle, Aigle Collection, Chandra Kurt, Grand Cru, Chablais, Vaud 2012 ● Cédric Faktion, Humagne Blanc, Valais 2012 ● Clos du Châtelard, Chardonnay Chablais, Vaud 2012 ● Domaine de la Devinière, Sauvignon Blanc, Geneva 2013 ● Domaine de Ravoire, Blanc, Valais 2013 ● Ferrari, Chardonnay, Ticino 2012 ● Histoire d'Enfer, Humagne Blanche Réserve, Sierre, Valais 2012 ● Histoire d'Enfer, Réserve Vieille Vignes Chardonnay, Valais 2012 ● Jean-René Germanier, Arvine Réserve, Valais 2011 ● La Colombe, Amédée, Vaud 2012 ● Le Vidomme, Petite Arvine, Chamoson, Valais 2014 ● Rahm, Art, Pinot Blanc, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Rahm, Composition, Troisblanc, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Reynald Parmelin, Premier Grand Cru Collection Agénor, La Côte, Vaud 2013 ● St Jodern Kellerei, Heida Veritas, Wallis, Valais 2012 ● Yvorne, Optimum Grand Cru, Chablais, Vaud 2013

Commended rosé

- Rahm, Réserve du Patron, Federweiss, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013

Commended red

- Albert Mathier & Fils, Rhoneblut Vinum Lignum, Valais 2013 ● Badoux, Lettres de Noblesse Malbec-Cabernet Franc, Lavaux, Vaud 2012 ● Badoux, Lettres de Noblesse Merlot, Chablais, Vaud 2012 ● Cave de Jolimont, Edelweiss Pinot Noir, Valais NV ● Cave du Rhodan, Cornalin, Valais 2014 ● Cave du Vidomme, Baton Rouge, Valais 2009 ● Cave St-Pierre, Cornalin, Valais 2013 ● Château Constellation, Réserve, Valais 2012 ● Château Le Rosey, Pinot Noir, La Côte, Vaud 2012 ● Château Valeyrès, Gamay Confidentiel, Côtes-de-l'Orbe, Vaud 2013 ● Domaine de Chambleau, L'Esprit Pinot Noir Cuvée Charlotte, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2013 ● Domaine de Montmollin, Extra Muros,

Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2011

- Domaine Delaharpe, Cuvée des Druides Grand Cru Vinzel, La Côte, Vaud 2011 ● Domaine du Montet, La Lieue, Merlot Vieilles Vignes, Grand Cru Bex, Chablais, Vaud 2012 ● Gérald Besse, Syrah Les Serpentines, Valais 2012 ● Gregor Kuonen, Pinot Noir Grand Réserve, Valais 2012 ● Histoire d'Enfer, Humagne, L'Enfer de la Roche, Valais 2012 ● Histoire d'Enfer, L'Enfer du Calcaire, Pinot Noir, Salquenen, Valais 2012 ● Il Cavaliere, Riserva, Ticino 2010 ● Klausener, Rosso di Sera, Della Svizzera Italiana, Ticino 2011 ● Les Trois Terres, Méganoir, Côtes-de-l'Orbe, Vaud 2012 ● Magistral, Pinot Noir, Hallau, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2012 ● Provins, Défi Noir, Les Titans, Valais 2012 ● Provins, Domaine Evêché, Valais 2012 ● Provins, Maître de Chais Syrah, Valais 2011 ● Rahm, Composition DiaNoir, Zürcher Unterland, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Rahm, Composition Dorenio, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Rahm, K100 Pinot Noir Barrique, Jenins, Graubünden, Eastern Cantons 2012 ● Rahm, Réserve du Patron 1895 Pinot Noir Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Rahm, Réserve du

Patron Assemblage, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013

- Rahm, Schaffhauser Art, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Rahm, Schaffhauser Art, 1895 Pinot Noir, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Rahm, Sélection Pierre, Cabernet-Gamaret Barrique, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2012 ● Strasser, Blauer Zwiegelt vom Rheinfall, Zürcher Unterland, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Strasser, Pinot Noir, Chlosterberg, Spatlese von Rheinfall, Zürcher Unterland, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Tenuta Montalbano, Riserva, Ticino 2011 ● Tenuta San Giorgio, Arco Tondo, Ticino 2012 ● Tenuta Trapletti, Culdré, Ticino 2012 ● Umbrecht, Enora Pinot Noir, Aargau, Eastern Cantons 2012 ● Von Tscharner, Churer Blauburgunder Gian-Battista, Graubünden, Eastern Cantons 2010

Commended sweet white

- Domaine de l'Etat de Neuchâtel, Passerillé, VDP Romand, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2009

Commended fortified red

- Philippe Bovet, Colino, Vin de Table 2009

What should we leave on the shelf?

While 2010 is a wonder vintage for Brunello, 2009 is more problematic. The heat created moreish but much simpler tannins than in 2010. Don't expect these wines to age indefinitely. Basic Chianti should offer good-value everyday drinking but becomes a trial if Sangiovese's delightful red fruits get blurred by aggressive tannins from winemakers needlessly trying to get too much colour into the wines. Most Morellino di Scansano vineyards belong to big houses from Chianti Classico, Montalcino and San Gimignano. They claim they do not treat Morellino as an afterthought – so why does this Sangiovese-based wine so obviously lack a clear identity?

What should we keep an eye on?

On this evidence Bolgheri imperiously proved it is the best place in Tuscany – and perhaps the whole of Italy – for premium and super-premium French-influenced blends. The mass of vines planted in the mid- to late-1990s boom have reached maturity. Hence the best wines show inherent old-vine richness, complexity and sinew. Bolgheri's winemakers are extracting finer grape tannins and using new oak with greater sensitivity – less overall, and tighter barrel selections when blending to avoid green or burned oak notes. The resulting wines show voluptuous smoothness, intense flavours of mint, cherry and garrigue, and undoubted class.

Gold white

Il Colombo di Santachiara, Campo della Pieve, Vernaccia di San Gimignano 2013 (13%)

This is a lovely effort, the slightly reductive edge adding to the appeal and bringing further complexity to complement the almond, pear, lemon yoghurt and tropical fruit palate. It's zingy, textured, balanced, creamy and ticks every box.



Regional Co-Chair

Monty Waldin (see judges, p4)

THIS WAS THE strongest line-up of Tuscan wines – red, white and even rosé – I can remember: seven Trophies and 12 Golds! Tuscan growers seem to be helping their vines cope with global warming and a string of bakingly hot recent vintages by getting more flavour and freshness into their wines, especially reds, all the way from everyday Chianti, via the more serious Chianti Classicos right up to the super-premium Brunello di Montalcinos, Maremmas, Cortonas and Bolgheri Rossos. The best showed ripeness rather than over-ripeness, perfectly judged oak and terrific, mouthwatering ripe and savoury flavours. The cooler, wetter 2014 vintage produced a really strong showing of Vermentino and Vernaccia di San Gimignano dry whites, too.

What should we buy from here?

The 2010 vintage-of-the-century in Montalcino has produced Brunellos oozing class, elegance and simply incredible perfumes. Chianti Classico beat its more heavily oak-aged Chianti Classico Riserva counterpart for brightness of fruit, drinkability and value for money. At the everyday end of the price scale, Sangiovese showed what a great grape it is for savoury Rosato Toscano pinks. The trend for Tuscan producers to season Sangiovese reds with native grapes like Malvasia Nera, Colorino, Canaiolo Nero and Ciliegiolo has led to subtler flavours and fresher, more savoury textures than would be the case if the wines were simply beefed up with over-ripe French imports like Merlot.

Gold red

Abbadia Ardenga, Brunello di Montalcino 2010 (14.5%)

Glossy and modern, with lovely perfume and ripe yet fresh cherry fruit bolstered by notes of expensive oak and liquorice. Savoury and understated, this is full of well-harnessed power, with fine tannins propping up the sour cherry flavours. Ethereal, pure and delicious.

Campo alla Sughera, Toscana 2009 (14.5%)

£67.30 Mondial
\$145 Curious Cork Imports USA
Concentrated and complex with ripe plum, cherry fruit, sticky berries and a shadier touch of forest floor. The sweet,

Tuscany won 1 International Trophy (see p19) 6 Regional Trophies (see p56)

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ripe blackberry and cherry palate is wrapped in silky tannins, complemented by herbs and chocolate. This speaks of old vines; there's no stress in this beauty.

● Cennatoio, Etrusco, Sangiovese Toscano 2012 (14%)
POA Anthony Byrne
A hugely gratifying Sangiovese, with an elegant nose of red fruits, fresh mint, tobacco leaves, tar, leather, graphite and spicy oak. Dark, forest fruit compote graces the front palate which has an old-vine richness and sweetness to it, with a veneer of vanilla and a liquorice tang at the end.

● Ceralti, Sonoro, Bolgheri Superiore 2012 (15%)
£41 Sardinia Wines
Rich and ripe with a core of chocolatey black fruit lined with fine, polished oak nuances and mouthwatering cassis fruit. ➤