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Between winegrowers and consumers

Emmanuel Delmas, President of the 31st Chablis Wine Competition

Sommelier, blogger, and all-round Renaissance wine man, Emmanuel Delmas has eclectic tastes and a single goal for his many different activities: To make wine accessible to all by reformulating the link between winegrowers and consumers. And that is why he agreed to preside over the 31st Chablis Wine Competition, which takes place on 14 January.

What makes this competition unique is that Chablis producers and *négociants* are forbidden from judging wines that could be their own. The 80-strong panel is made up of journalists, restaurateurs, sommeliers, traders, enologists, and enlightened consumers. This year's jury includes a return visit from Gérard Margeon, “wine man” for Alain Ducasse; along with Toshio Matsuura, journalist for Japanese magazine *Wands*; and Jean-Luc Jamrozik, President of the Sommeliers de Paris association. They evaluate the wines in two stages: Those with the best scores from the preselection phase with all tasters are then tasted by a “super jury”, which alone awards the medals. The winning wines are used by the BIVB during events in France and abroad, and become the ambassadors for Chablis wines for the following year.



Emmanuel Delmas worked as a **sommelier** from 1995-2010 in some of the most prestigious establishments, including Guy Savoy, the Tour d'Argent, Alain Ducasse at the Plaza Athénée, Lasserre, and Fouquet's. In 2005, he created the Blog du Sommelier, which five years later won a Wine Blog Trophy and has since become a go-to reference for the wine world. This success drove Emmanuel Delmas to write a book in 2012, entitled “Vins – Leçons de Dégustation” (Wine – Tasting Lessons), published by

La Martinière and reprinted in 2015.

Emmanuel Delmas now works as a wine consultant and trainer. He divides his time between meetings with winemakers, in particular those in Chablis with whom he has been working for around a decade; hosting tastings for business clients; and working with restaurateurs on designing their wine lists. He has an in-depth knowledge of the Chablis winegrowing area, and is a big fan of its wines, which he says, “Are without doubt some of the most well-known appellations in the world.” His guiding thread, indeed, one might call it his leitmotiv, is to “Make wine accessible to all. Newcomers, confirmed wine aficionados, or industry professionals, we must all work in the service of wine.”

Medal-winning wines At the 31st Chablis Wine Competition

Number of entries: 334

Number of tasters: 80

Number of estates or *maisons* represented: 85

Number of medal-winning wines: 28



Petit Chablis 2015

Gold Medal

Domaine Jean Dauvissat Père et Fils - Milly

Pas si Petit, 2015, La Chablisienne

Silver Medal

Jean Durup Père et Fils

Domaine Jean-Claude Courtault

Bronze Medal

Stéphanie et Vincent Michelet

Domaine Christophe et Fils

Nominated wine

Domaine Ventoura

Sylvain Mosnier

GAEC de Oliveira Lecestre

Domaine des Marronniers

Domaine de Pisse-Loup

Domaine de Mauperthuis

Chablis 2015

Gold Medal

Vieilles Vignes, Domaine George

Adrien Michaut

Domaine William Fèvre

Domaine Christophe et Fils

Silver Medal

Domaine Jean Dauvissat Père et Fils – Milly

Domaine Bernard Defaix

Bronze Medal

Vieilles Vignes, Les Malantes, Domaine des Marronniers

Domaine Vocoret et Fils

Nominated wines

Domaine Chevallier

Daniel Dampt et Fils

Vielles Vignes, Sélection Massale, Domaine Servin

Domaine Hamelin

Charlène et Laurent Pinson

Domaine Beaufumé

Chablis Premier Cru 2015, Left Bank

Gold Medal

**Vaillons, Domaine Jean-Paul et Benoit Droin,
Montmains, Domaine des Malandes**

Silver Medal

Côte de Léchet, Domaine des Malandes

Bronze Medal

Beuroy, Domaine William Fèvre

Nominated wines

**Vau de Vey, Domaine des Malandes
Vosgros, Domaine Jean-Paul et Benoit Droin
Beugnons, Sébastien Damp
Vaillons, Domaine Billaud-Simon
Côte de Léchet, Domaine Bernard Defaix
Vaillons, Domaine Pinson
Vaillons, Maison Simonnet-Fèvre
Les Lys, Domaine Long-Depaquit
Forêts, Domaine Servin
Vaillons, Domaine Vincent Damp
Montmains, Domaine William Fèvre
Les Lys, Daniel Damp et Fils
Côte de Léchet, La Chablisienne
Montmains, Maison Simonnet-Fèvre
Côte de Cuissy, Les Corvées, EARL Céline et Antoine Angst
Beuroy, Domaine Hamelin
Beuroy, Domaine Alain Geoffroy
Butteaux, Domaine des Marronniers**

Chablis Premier Cru 2015, Right Bank

Gold Medal

Montée de Tonnerre, Charlène et Laurent Pinson

Silver Medal

Fourchaume, Garnier et Fils

Vaulorent, Domaine Jean-Paul et Benoit Droin

Vaucoupin, Domaine Maupa

Bronze Medal

Fourchaume, Domaine de Chantemerle

Mont de Milieu, Domaine Servin

Nominated wines

Mont de Milieu, Garnier et Fils

Mont de Milieu, Domaine des Malandes

Fourchaume, Domaine Jean-Paul et Benoit Droin

Fourchaume, Moutard-Diligent

Vaucoupin, Domaine du Colombier

Mont de Milieu, Domaine Billaud-Simon

Mont de Milieu, Domaine Christophe et Fils

Vaucoupin, Domaine Oudin

Fourchaume, Domaine Savary

Vaupulent, Guillaume Vrignaud

Montée de Tonnerre, Domaine Servin

Chablis Grand Cru 2014

Gold Medal

Valmur, Domaine Jean-Paul et Benoit Droin

Silver Medal

Vaudésir, Domaine Jean-Paul et Benoit Droin

Valmur, Domaine Jean Collet et Fils

Bronze Medal

Les Clos, Domaine Jean-Paul et Benoit Droin

Nominated wines

Grenouilles, Domaine Jean-Paul et Benoit Droin

Grenouilles, Château Grenouilles, La Chablisienne

Bougros, Maison Dampt

Blanchot, Domaine Laroche

Blanchot, Domaine Guy Robin

Bougros, Domaine du Colombier

Les Clos, Domaine Christian Moreau Père et Fils

Vaudésir, Domaine des Malandes

Les Clos, Domaine Louis Moreau

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