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Boar award goes to Cave des Bossons !

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND - The 17th annual **Sélection des vins de Genève** awards were held Wednesday 15 June at Geneva's **Hôtel de Ville** in the presence of a large crowd from the worlds of hotels and restaurants, tourism and the wine industry. Gold medals were given to 51 wines and five special prizes were offered; the wines selected have the canton's patronage for national and international wine competitions as well as presentations of Geneva wines at home and abroad.

Eric Leyvraz received the coveted boar sculpture from Luc Barthassat, cantonal councilor with responsibility for the Department of the Environment, Transport and Agriculture and Brigitte Rosset, actress and patron for the 2014 and 2015 vintage. The boar is awarded to the wine with the highest number of points in the cantonal wine selection, and this year it goes to a Pinot Noir "le Vieux Clocher" from Cave des Bossons in Peissy.

The bronze fox sculpture, the prize for the favourite wine selected by the canton's café and restaurant business, went to Bernard Rochaix from Domaine Les Perrières as well, for his Chardonnay 2015 thus giving him a superb double win. It was handed out by the actor Philippe Cohen and Jean-Luc Piguët, vice-president of the cafés and restaurants association.

The Merlot 2014 from Sandra Cartier and Sébastien Gros at Cave les Baillets, won the bronze young boar prize, which is offered by students at the Ecole Hôtelière de Genève. It was given by the chef Philippe Chevrier with two students from the school, Cécile Armaing and Arthur Leclerc.

The press prize, an engraving of a weasel, went to Domaine des Bonnettes, Dominique Maigre for his gamaret 2015. It was given by journalists Iris Jimenez patron for the 2005 vintage and Pierre Thomas.

The Tradition Trophy, a magnificent engraving showing an eagle's nest, rewards the winery with the highest combined average score for its Chasselas and Gamay. It is offered by the Compagnie des Vieux-Grenadiers and was given by Dominique Grangier with Chris Mc Sorley, patron for the 2012 vintage to Emilienne Hutin from Domaine Les Hutins.

The prizes are all the work of Robert Hainard, an artist of international fame, renowned for his animal representations.

In all, 51 wines received gold medals, from a total of 655 wines presented by cellars for this year's competition.

The complete list of gold medal winners from this 17th Sélection is available online at www.geneveterroir.ch and on the mobile application Genève Terroir.

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