

## Press release

### **2008 Geneva Wine Selection Awards: The Gold Medalists**

On June 18, the Geneva Wine Selection Awards ceremony took place for the ninth year running at the Hôtel de Ville in the city's Old Town. Well-known figures from the local restaurant, hotel and winegrowing industries were among the many in attendance.

Robert Cramer, the State Councilor who currently heads Geneva's Territorial Department, and Alexandre de Montmollin, the canton's official enologist, presented the Award's number one trophy – the bronze figure of a wild boar – to Maurice Dupraz, of the cantonal winery Domaine de la République et canton de Genève.

The winery's Lully *Gewürztraminer Passerillé* 2006 won the highest number of points of any wine tasted by the Awards' wine selection panel. Previous awards raked in by the dessert wine include a 2005 distinction at the Swiss National Wine Competition, where the 2003 vintage won the highest score of all wines entered.

*Le Pont des Soupirs rouge* 2006, a red Gamaret, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot blend produced by the Domaine du Paradis in Satigny, won the baby boar trophy attributed by students at Geneva's hotel school, Ecole hôtelière de Genève.

The Press Prize – a print representing a ferret – was awarded to Albert François, of the Cave les Crêtets winery in Peissy, for his 2007 Pinot Noir.

Fifty-one other wines received gold medals at the ceremony, of a record total of 530 wines submitted to the selection panel this year.

The bronze boar trophies and ferret print are the work of internationally famous Swiss artist Robert Hainard.

For a complete list of gold medals presented at the 2008 Selection Awards, log on to: [www.lesvinsdegeneve.ch](http://www.lesvinsdegeneve.ch).

