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THE DOMAINE LES HUTINS WINERY WINS THE BOAR TROPHY!

The 12th Geneva Wine Selection Awards ceremony took place on Thursday, June 16, 2011, at the Hôtel de Ville, the cantonal government building located in the city's Old Town. Representatives of the hospitality, tourism and winegrowing industries filled the main courtyard where the ceremony took place.

Presenting the top prize for the wine that achieved the most points at the tastings leading up to the ceremony were Michèle Künzler, the state councilor in charge of interior affairs and mobility; Dominique Maigre, president of the committee that organizes the tastings; and cantonal enologist Alexandre de Montmolin.

The top trophy, a bronze cast of a wild boar, went to Emilienne and Jean Hutin of the Domaine Les Hutins in Dardagny, for their late harvest 2008 Pinot Gris.

Three other special prizes were awarded at the ceremony. Winner of the Fox Trophy, selected by representatives of the local hospitality sector, was Philippe Plan of Domaine Les Crêtets in Peissy (Satigny) for his 2010 Gamay rosé. Presenting the award to Mr. Plan were Chantal Lonati, restaurant owner and president of the Geneva chapter of "Taste Week" (a slow-food event that takes place across Switzerland every fall), and Jean-Luc Piguët, vice-president of the local association of hotels and restaurants.

Winner of the Baby Boar Trophy was the Cave des Bossons in Peissy (Satigny) for its 2010 Riesling x Sylvaner. This prize is awarded by the Geneva Hotel School, represented at the 2011 ceremony by Messieurs Dubois and Chevallaz of the teaching staff and students Eliane Schneider, Audrey Chenaux, and Normand Aymon.

Finally, the Press Trophy (a print of a weasel) was awarded by local journalists Annick Jeanmairêt and "Olif le Blogueur" to the Cave de Genève for its red blend, "Esprit de Genève" (2009).

All the trophies—three bronze casts and a weasel print—are the work of internationally renowned Swiss artist Robert Hainard (1906-1999).

Fifty-eight other wines out of a total of 654 submitted to the tasting panel received gold medals at the ceremony.

This year marked a change in tasting procedures at the blind tastings that determine the year's top wines. Based on observations made at the numerous Swiss and foreign wine contests that Geneva wines compete in, it was decided not to serve the wines to each taster in the same order. Experience has shown that the practice yields more precise results as no one can be influenced by the other tasters at their table. Thus, each taster is more focused and results have heightened credibility. The change marked a first in Swiss wine contest tasting practice.

For a list of gold medal winners at the 12th Geneva Wine Selection Award ceremony, go to www.lesvinsdegeneve.ch.

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