

Press release: Results of the Frankfurt International Trophy



Frankfurt International Trophy Presents 2026 Results – Olive Oils Debut at Anniversary Edition

- First-ever tasting of olive oils
- Best olive oil comes from Italy
- Best wine in the world comes from France
- Best beer in the world comes from Switzerland
- Best spirit in the world comes from France

Mainz, April 15, 2026. On April 9 and 10, 2026, the historic ballroom of the Gesellschaftshaus Palmengarten in Frankfurt opened its doors for the 10th anniversary edition of the Frankfurt International Trophy. Around 450 tasters from all over the world took part in the event, which is not only a tribute to the diversity of beverages but also to the cultural and economic importance of Frankfurt.

Mike Joseph, Mayor of the City of Frankfurt am Main, is the patron of the event.

He explains why Frankfurt provides the ideal stage for one of Europe's most important competitions in the sector:

“Frankfurt am Main is not only a strong economic European metropolis located in the heart of Germany's wine regions – it also has its own vineyard. The Lohrberg belongs to the renowned Rheingau region and is also a popular excursion destination. As a major financial and economic hub in the heart of Germany and Europe, Frankfurt is a perfect host city.”

This year's honorary presidency was held by Patrick Jenal

He is the head chef of the renowned restaurant “Kunz” in St. Wendel. Since 2001, the creative chef – also a member of the Jeunes Restaurateurs d'Europe – has been presenting his French-Mediterranean cuisine with modern influences.

For Patrick Jenal, the Frankfurt International Trophy is “much more than a competition – it brings together cultures, craftsmanship and passion from all over the world. The medals awarded are not only distinctions but also important marks of trust that help consumers make informed choices.”

Anniversary Edition: Diversity, Consumer Focus and Olive Oil Premiere

The 10th edition once again highlights the competition's unique approach: alongside professional expertise, the perspective of consumers is deliberately integrated into the evaluation process. The international jury – composed of sommeliers, oenologists and experienced amateurs – reflects consumer preferences and ensures that both quality criteria and taste play a decisive role.

The results therefore provide insight into both professional assessments and consumer acceptance, offering reliable guidance when selecting wines, beers, spirits and olive oils.

For the first time, olive oils were included in the tasting, expanding the scope of the competition.

This year, the competition recorded over 3,400 samples from 46 countries across the categories of wine, beer, spirits and olive oils. A total of 1,083 products received medals, including 147 awarded Grand Gold (92+ points).

Best Wine in the World (France)

Clos Sainte Anne 2022
Pomerol
SCEA Château Moulinet

Best Wine from Germany

1904 Longuicher Maximiner Herrenberg
Mosel
Kirsten Wein und Sekt GmbH

German wines led the ranking with 151 medals, followed by Italy (135) and Austria (134). France ranked fourth with 122 medals. Spain (73), Portugal (19) and Greece (17) also demonstrated strong quality.

Check out the rankings at: <https://www.frankfurt-trophy.com/en/trophies-wine-2026>

Best Beer in the World (Switzerland)

Blackfish
Brauerei Kloster Fischingen AG

Best Beer from Germany

Veldensteiner Weißbier
Kaiser Bräu GmbH & Co. KG

Germany maintained its leading position with 53 awarded beers, ahead of France (26). Spain, Belgium and the Netherlands followed with 9 awards each.

Check out the rankings at: <https://www.frankfurt-trophy.com/en/trophies-beer-2026>

Best Spirit in the World (France)

Farigoule
Distillerie des Alpilles

Best Spirit from Germany

Zinselhof Williams-Christ Pear Liqueur
Bimmerle Private Distillery

Germany also led the spirits ranking with 90 awards, followed by Italy (31), France (24), Croatia and Belgium (14 each).

Check out the rankings at: <https://www.frankfurt-trophy.com/en/trophies-spirit-2026>

Best Olive Oil in the World (Italy)

Verdemare
Cosmo di Russo az AG

In the first-ever olive oil competition, Italy ranked first with 10 awards, followed by Croatia (4) and Greece (2).

Check out the rankings at: [https://www.frankfurt-trophy.com/en/trophies-olive based-2026](https://www.frankfurt-trophy.com/en/trophies-olive-based-2026)

About the Frankfurt International Trophy

The Frankfurt International Trophy (FIT) is a competition for high-quality wines, beers, spirits and olive oils. It is the largest international competition in Germany with juries composed of international experts and experienced amateurs. The competition is open to all the world's wines, beers, spirits and olive oils.

It is organised by Armonia Deutschland GmbH in Mainz.

The Frankfurt International Trophy is ISO 9001-certified and authorised to award medals to only one-third of the samples presented, to guarantee producers and consumers of a rigorous selection.

The wine competition is certified by the Hesse ministry responsible for the environment, climate, agriculture and consumer protection, which authorises the use of medals in marketing wines.

Every year the Frankfurt International Trophy is presided over by a well-known, Michelin-starred chef whose responsibility it is to promote the competition in the restaurant world.

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