



## Italy wins two International Trophies in Asia's largest wine competition

*Italy has been awarded a total of 417 medals in the Decanter Asia Wine Awards (DAWA) this year, in which the competition received more than 2,500 entries from around the world.*

The Decanter Asia Wine Awards aims to recognise quality wines and provide consumers across Asia with a trusted source of recommendations. Co-chaired by [Jeannie Cho Lee MW](#), the first Asian Master of Wine and a Contributing Editor to Decanter, and [Steven Spurrier](#), Chairman of the Decanter World Wine Awards and Decanter's Consultant Editor, judging took place in Hong Kong on 15 -18 September. [Over 40 top wine experts from across Asia](#) made up the professional judging panel to rigorously blind taste wines organised in flights to ensure the very best tasting conditions.

Among the [417 medals](#) awarded, [85 went to Piedmont wines](#), [103 to Tuscany](#), and [89 to Veneto](#). Tuscany and Veneto secured an International Trophy each, and Italy has been awarded eight Regional Trophies in total. Regional Trophies are given to wines that have been awarded a Gold medal in the initial stage of judging and are recognised as being the best of their region in each style category. International Trophies are then awarded to the top wines among the Regional Trophies. The International Trophy winners are Italiani da Sogno, Seconda Stella a Destra, Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany 2008 ([Red Italian Varietals International Trophy](#)), and Monte Fascolo, Fior d'Arancio Moscato Dolce, Colli Euganei, Veneto 2013 ([Sweet International Trophy](#)).

"The sole purpose of the DAWA is to recognise and award quality", says Steven Spurrier, DAWA Co-Chair. "Our standards are high, and so are our expectations. We only award medals to wines in which consumers can have the utmost confidence."

The DAWA 2014 results can be found on DecanterChina.com (<http://dawa.decanterchina.com>), Decanter's bilingual Simplified Chinese and English website containing bespoke content for the growing audience of wine lovers in China.

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## Notes to Editors

### About Decanter Asia Wine Awards

- Launched in 2012 by *Decanter* magazine, 2014 is the third edition of the competition
- All wines are judged blind in the best possible tasting environment and each wine is discussed on an individual basis by the panel
- There is no upper limit on the number of medals that can be awarded
- A full list of judges can be found here: <http://dawa.decanterchina.com/en/2014/judges-index.php/>
- Results, featuring the Commended, Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Regional Trophy winning wines is published on [DecanterChina.com](http://DecanterChina.com)
- Winning wines are promoted at a series of tastings and fairs across Asia in 2014:
  - Consumer tasting with Riedel at Wine & Dine Festival in Hong Kong on 2 November
  - Trade tasting at the Decanter stand at Vinexpo Japan on 1 -2 November
  - Trade tasting at the Decanter stand at ProWine China on 12 – 14 November
  - Evening tasting at ProWine China's networking event 'ProWine in the City' on 13 November
  - Consumer tasting in Hong Kong in partnership with Watson's Wine on 25 November
  - Consumer tasting at Decanter's inaugural Decanter Fine Wine Encounter in Shanghai on 29 November
- The Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2014 is sponsored by Riedel glasses and San Pellegrino and Acqua Panna water

### About Decanter

The Decanter brand comprises of:

- *Decanter* magazine, which is sold in 92 countries\*
- Decanter Events, an annual programme of world-class events for consumers and trade. Decanter is hosting its inaugural Fine Wine Encounter in Shanghai on 29 November ([www.decanterchina.com](http://www.decanterchina.com))
- Decanter.com ([www.decanter.com](http://www.decanter.com)), which is read by 400,000 unique users every month in 223 countries. Note: China accounts for 25% of total traffic on this site\*\*
- DecanterChina.com ([www.decanterchina.com](http://www.decanterchina.com)), a bi-lingual English and Simplified Chinese website, created specifically for Chinese wine lovers and launched in September 2012. It has over 100,000 page views per month and over 63% of visitors read the website in Simplified Chinese\*\*
- Decanter World Wine Awards, the world's largest and most prestigious wine competition
- Decanter Asia Wine Awards, launched in 2012, is now the largest wine competition in Asia. In 2014, there are:
  - 15 International Trophy winners
  - 30 Regional Trophy winners
  - 61 Gold medal winners
  - 509 Silver medal winners
  - 1095 Bronze medal winners
  - 517 Commended medal winners
- For full results of DAWA 2014, please visit [dawa.decanterchina.com/en/2014](http://dawa.decanterchina.com/en/2014)

Sources: \*Decanter has subscribers in 92 countries, \*\* Google Analytics, September 2014

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