



*The first edition of the International Wine Award came to a conclusion today*

## **VINITALY: 5 STAR WINES AWARD: WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

**Awards also announced for Wine Without Walls - the event dedicated to wines without sulphites or containing no more than 40 mg/l.**

**Verona 4 April, 2016** – Wines from Italy, Germany and took the main awards - "Special Grand Vinality Award 2016", "Trophy 2016" and the "Banco Popolare" Award - at the first edition of **5 Star Wines**, Vinality's new **International Wine Award** which reached its conclusion yesterday evening at Veronafiere after three days of double-blind assessments of the over 2700 samples of wines entered from 27 countries ([www.vinality.com](http://www.vinality.com)).

The "**Special Grand Vinality Award 2016**" (assigned to the producer achieving the highest score calculated from the algebraic average of the sum of scores for all samples taking an international award at "5 Star Wines" divided by the numbers of wines) was awarded jointly to Weingut Anselmann Werner GMBH, in Edesheim (Germany) and Vranken Pommery Monopole, in Reims, France.

The "**2016 Trophies**" assigned by the 70 jurors from all around the world to the best white, rosé, red, sweet, semi-sparkling and sparkling wines went to the following labels: Terre Siciliane Igp Bianco "Chara" 2015 (Disisa – Palermo) with a score of 94 points; Garda Doc Classico Chiaretto "18 e QUARANTACINQUE" 2015 by Azienda Agricola Citari S.S. di Gettuli Giovanna, in Desenzano del Garda (BS) with 92 points. Barolo Docg "Ravera" 2012 by Réva S. Agr. in Monteforte d'Alba (Cuneo) took the trophy as the best red with a score of 95, while a score of 96 points in the sweet wine section rewarded Weingut Anselmann Werner GMBH from Edesheim in Germany for its Riesling Beerenauslese Edesheimer Rosengarten Deutscher Prädikatswein Pfalz 2015. The dry semi-sparkling Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro Doc "Villa Cialdini" 2015 by Chiarli – PR.I.V.I: srl, Modena, took the 2016 Trophy as the best semi-sparkling wine (92 points). France achieved a score of 94 points with Champagne Aoc Brut Cuvée "Louise" 2002 by Vranken Pommery Monopole, Reims, to earn the Trophy on the "Sparkling" category. The awards also included the "**Special Banco Popolare Award**" made to Barolo Docg "Ravera" 2012 by Réva S. Agr. in Monteforte D'alba (Cuneo) for obtaining the best score in all categories envisaged in the regulations of the new Vinality Wine Competition.

*"This first edition of 5 Star Wines went far beyond our expectations in terms of both the quality of the wines entered and the value expressed by companies," said **Ian D'Agata, Coordinator of the Jury and Scientific Director of the Vinality International Academy**. The Award proved extremely capable of promoting international wines as well as typical Italian varieties," D'Agata concluded; "it will be a valuable incisive communication tool for our wines on international markets."*

The **CEO and Director General of Veronafiere, Giovanni Mantovani** said: *"With 5 Star Wines, Vinality changes the way wines of the world are judged. The debut of this Award in the year of celebrating 50th edition of the event is particularly significant because both aspects highlight a fresh start hallmarked by even more significant commitment to internationalization. The authoritative status of the jury and the scores achieved by companies bear witness to the growth of quality in one of the most dynamic sectors in economic terms."*

The 5 Star Wines Award was also joined by **Wine Without Walls**, an event dedicated to wines made without sulphites or containing no more than 40 mg/l produced without using micro-oxygenation

procedures, concentrators, reverse osmosis, thermo-vinification, blocking malolactic fermentation and/or irrigation. There were two categories in this contest: "Wines without added sulphites" and "wines with total sulphites not exceeding 40 mg/l".

► [Download the complete list of winners of 5 Star Wines and Wine Without Walls, together with the photogallery of the event.](#)

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