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Bleser prices best Regent-wine producers of the year 2013

Peter Bleser, Parliamentary Secretary of State at the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, priced three wine producers as “best Regent-wine producers 2013” during International Green Week in Berlin last Thursday. The still young grape variety Regent was derived as crossbred of the varieties Silvaner and Müller-Thurgau with the variety Chambourcin following many trials, and was registered in Germany in 1995 and in Europe in 1996. In Germany alone, the variety Regent is grown on roughly 2000 hectares at present. The peculiarity of this variety is the resistance against fungal diseases. “Wine-growers are interested to optimise the production of wine from this relatively new variety and to produce high-quality Regent-wines. And Regent-wine continues to spread. In 2013, the number of producers who entered their wines for the international “Regent-Award” grew by 40%”, said Bleser. Since 2010, the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture and Julius-Kühn-Institute award prices to the producers with the best wines in three categories as “best Regent-producers” each year.

In the category ‘wine-grower cooperatives and wineries’, the wine-growers’ association Hagnau (Baden) made first place. In the segment of ‘producers with more than 10 hectares’, the winery Bungert-Mauer in Ockenheim stood out, and in the segment of ‘producers with less than 10 hectares’, the winery Walter Schuh from Sörnewitz (Saxony) ranked first in 2013. Producers, wine-growers’ cooperatives and wineries from Germany and other countries participate in the “Regent-Award” competition. In 2013, most of the 121 entries originated in Rhein Hesse, Baden und Pfalz (Germany). Seven entries originated in the Netherlands and Switzerland. Wines which fulfil the high quality requirements of this competition are awarded a quality distinction in gold, silver or bronze. The jury of experts consists of experienced wine specialists accustomed to the specific features of this variety. Wines tested in this competition are tasted blind. The highest score 5.0 is only awarded to those wines which perfectly comply with the strict quality requirements. In 2013, 89 wine-growers entered 121 wines. The Regent-Award in gold was granted 16 times.

All priced Regent-wines are published in the internet under www.regent-forum.de

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