

## GERMANY CELEBRATES OUTSTANDING SUCCESS AT DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS 2026

*Germany nearly doubles its medal tally, with strong performances across multiple regions*

**17 June:** The results of Decanter World Wine Awards 2026 (DWWA) have confirmed an exceptional year for Germany, with the country almost doubling its number of top-tier medals compared to last year and achieving its highest number of medals overall in recent years.

Now in its 23rd year, DWWA is recognised as the world's largest wine competition and is widely regarded as the global benchmark for wine quality, combining unrivalled judging expertise, international reach and a rigorous, transparent tasting process.

Medals awarded at DWWA range from the top-tier 50 Best in Show, then Platinum and Gold (all scoring 95+ points) followed by Silver and Bronze. This year the 50 Best in Show medals represented just 0.3% of wines tasted.

Germany secured 13 top-tier medals – comprising one Platinum and 12 Gold medals – up from seven in 2025. Notably, four of the 12 Gold medals were awarded to red wines. Overall, Germany received 111 medals across the competition, a significant increase from 69 medals last year.

The country's sole Platinum medal was awarded to **Pfalz** producer **Kranz** for its **Ilbesheim Kalmit Weisser Burgunder, Grosses Gewächs 2024**, a 100% Weissburgunder. Pfalz also earned a Gold medal for a 100% Riesling **St. Annaberg, Burrweiler Schäwer 2024**.

The region's success in the Value category was highlighted by two Value Silver medals – **Marks & Spencer Palataia Pinot Noir 2024** and **Chateau Amsterdam, The Fat Lady Sings Chardonnay 2024**.

**Ahr** celebrated its first Gold medal since 2021 with **Deutzerhof, Mayschoß Mönchberg Spätburgunder, Grosses Gewächs 2023**, made entirely from Spätburgunder. The region also secured two Silver medals with **Dagernova, Walporzheimer Kräuterberg Spätburgunder 2023** receiving 94 points just shy of Gold.

In **Baden**, producer **Martin Waßmer** achieved an impressive clean sweep, taking home all three of the region's Gold medals with two reds (100% Syrah and 100% Spätburgunder) and one white wine (100% Chardonnay).

**Mosel** claimed its first Gold medals since 2020, awarded to three 100% Riesling wines – one still and two sweet wines. The region also received a

Value Silver medal, recognising wines priced under £15, for **Schmitt Söhne, Thomas Schmitt Private Collection Riesling, Kabinett 2025**.

**Rheingau** more than doubled its number of Gold medals compared to last year, securing three Golds in 2026 versus one in 2025, with two of them claimed by producer **August Eser**.

**Württemberg** also returned to the top tier for the first time since 2020, with a Gold medal awarded to **Weingut Karl Haidle, Stettener Berge Lemberger, Grosses Gewächs 2023**.

The results reflect the increasing diversity, quality and international competitiveness of German wines across a wide range of styles and regions.

DWWA Co-Chair, Beth Willard, commented: 'The judging process at DWWA is one of the most demanding I've come across. With each wine having to go through several rounds of judging to get to a Gold, Platinum or Best in Show award, it really means that the top-scoring wines are really worth seeking out.'

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### **Notes to editors**

Germany was awarded a total of 111 medals comprising 1 Platinum, 12 Gold, 61 Silver and 37 Bronze medals.

The following wines won Germany's Platinum medal:

- Kranz, Ilbesheim Kalmit Weisser Burgunder, Grosses Gewächs, Pfalz 2024

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### **About DWWA**

Launched in 2004 and now in its 23rd year, Decanter World Wine Awards (DWWA) is the world's largest wine competition.

Run by Decanter, the world's leading wine media brand, DWWA benefits from a trusted global audience of both trade and consumers, setting it apart from other competitions.

Sustainability remains a key focus for DWWA, with ongoing initiatives to reduce waste. In 2026 more than 20,000 single-use plastic bags previously used for blind tasting were replaced with reusable cotton alternatives, while more than 1,000 cardboard boxes are reused annually.

### **About Decanter**

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