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The Beaujolais-Villages 2015 Opale vintage from the Domaine de Thulon elected World's Best Gamay

The 7th Gamay International Competition was a huge success: the professional competition exclusively for wines made from Gamay grapes, which took place on 13 January in Lyon, brought 160 professional tasters and knowledgeable amateurs together for a few hours to taste vintages from all over the world. The World's Best Gamay Trophy was awarded to a Beaujolais-Villages wine from the Domaine de Thulon. Millésime: 2015. Name of the vintage: Opale.

This new edition of the Gamay International Competition was a great success, with a record number of samples from France, Switzerland, the United States, Australia, Italy and Canada presented. In all, 747 samples, 234 of which were awarded a medal:

- 99 Gold Medals
- 135 Silver Medals

Note that 15 wines from Switzerland received awards at the competition, bringing recognition to all the country's producers of wines made from Gamay grapes.

The World's Best Gamay: a complex, fleshy wine

Located in the heart of the Beaujolais vineyards, in Lantignié, the Thulon domain produces Beaujolais and Beaujolais-Villages wines on 17 ha. of land. Painstakingly and patiently produced, the Opale vintage is described as the domain's "gem".

This wine is the fruit of long maceration of 100% destemmed grapes; the beginning of fermentation is followed by gentle pressing, and the wine is then aged in barrels made of different wood essences. The result is a powerful nectar that has notes of roasted coffee beans, blackberries and black cherries, and it is complex and fleshy on the palate...a very amazing Gamay!

All the results from the competition can be found on the Gamay International Competition website. Click [here](#) to go to the website.