



EUROPEAN CHAMPAGNE AMBASSADOR'S AWARD

THE 2011 WINNER IS THE DUTCH CANDIDATE ANJA VONDENHOFF

For the first time since the creation of the competition in 2005, a representative of the Netherlands has won the European Champagne Ambassador's Award, which annually recognizes the best wine educator.

On October 14, during a prestige dinner at the Villa Demoiselle in Reims, Anja Vondenhoff received the prize from Bruno Paillard, President of the CIVC's communication & Champagne appellation commission.

After a hotel management school, Anja Vondenhoff studied at the Wine Academy of the Netherlands and received the Wine and Spirit Education Trust qualification. Since 1993, she has been teaching at the Apeldoorn Hotel School and at the Dutch Cooking Academy.

On the subject of the art of blending, Mrs. Vondenhoff delivered a clear and learned lecture completed by an excellent educational tasting showing the diversity of the wines of Champagne.

The UK candidate Edwin Dublin, trainer from Berry Bros and Rudd, received the Special Jury Prize and the Special CIVC Prize was granted to the German candidate, Lidwina Weh, chief sommelier of the famous Hotel Louis C. Jacob in Hamburg.

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