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Winners celebrate after success in the 2015 International Wine Challenge



Laithwaites has been named **Merchant of the Year** in the 32nd International Wine Challenge announced at the Hilton Hotel in London's Park Lane last night.

Oddbins was named **High Street Chain of the Year** and Morrisons picked up the award for **Supermarket of the Year**, beating 2013 and 2014 winner Marks & Spencer.



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Hatch Mansfield was awarded the title of **Large Agent of the Year** and Seckford Agencies secured the **Small Agent of the Year Award**.

Tuscan vineyard Castello Romitorio received the 2015 **Champion Red Wine Award** for its 2010 Brunello di Montalcino Filo di Seta and the **Champion White Wine Award** was given to Bordeaux winery Château Brown for its Château Brown 2013, a Sauvignon Blanc-Sémillon blend.

Piper-Heidsieck was awarded the **Champion of Champions Award** for its Champagne Piper-Heidsieck Rare 1998 Magnum. This new category was open to wines that have received Champion status in a previous IWC competition.

Alain Rogier, chief executive of Cave De Roquebrun in Languedoc was **Red Winemaker of the Year** and Kym Schroeter of Penfold's in Australia was **White Winemaker of the Year**.

This year's IWC **Lifetime Achievement** award went to Sylvain Pitiot, the long-standing manager and technical director of the famous Clos de Tart estate in the village of Morey-St-Denis in Burgundy.



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