

THE NAI HARN PHUKET

SURPRISE VICTORY FOR THAI WINE IN WORLD'S BEST ROSÉ COMPETITION AT THE NAI HARN PHUKET

Monsoon Valley Shiraz Thailand White 2017 selected above 80 plus competitor wines in the third annual Best Rosé in Thailand tasting by James and Jack Suckling



Jack Suckling (left), Frank Grassmann (centre) General Manager of THE NAI HARN Phuket and James Suckling (right) at the BEST ROSÉ in THAILAND awards ceremony

PHUKET, THAILAND, 12 May 2018 – James and Jack Suckling, owners of the internationally acclaimed wine rating website JamesSuckling.com, selected Monsoon Valley Shiraz Thailand White 2017 as “Best of Show” at the third annual Best Rosé in Thailand 2018 competition hosted by [The Nai Harn Phuket](http://TheNaiHarnPhuket) on Friday 11 May 2018.

The locally produced rosé bested almost 100 wines from around the world in a blind tasting. The critics placed it at the top of a list that included prestigious French wines such as Château Routas Coteaux Varois en Provence 2017, whose Routas 2016 won last year’s competition, and Caves d’Esclans Côtes de Provence Whispering Angel Rosé 2017.

“I loved the balance and energy of the Monsoon Valley White Shiraz,” said James Suckling. “The tasting was completely blind and we judged the wine for its brightness and quality.”

The 2017 Monsoon Valley White Shiraz also received the award for Best Value, while the Billecart-Salmon Champagne Brut Rosé NV received the Best of Show award in the sparkling section of the competition.

“The Thai wine industry is just coming into its own with a handful of wineries making outstanding bottles,” explained Jack Suckling. “The tropical climate is difficult for viticulture, necessitating constant management and nurturing. Experimentation is still the norm with winemakers looking for the correct methodology and grape types to emphasize quality.”

The Best Rosé in Thailand competition is part of The Nai Harn Phuket resort’s world class wine program, which includes a bespoke wine list created by the team at JamesSuckling.com. The 150 wines on the list are arranged based on their usage, style and personality.

“It’s a wine lover’s list with excellent value and drinkability no matter the place or type of food,” says James Suckling. It also includes a “rock star” section with top wines by the glass served by Coravin, such as Château Montrose 2005.

After two days of intense tasting, all the best rosé wines and their suppliers received special recognition at a gala event and awards ceremony hosted by The Nai Harn at Reflections Rooftop Lounge, where guests were invited to taste all of the rosés in the competition, accompanied by gourmet snacks served from live cooking stations.



James Suckling (left), and Frank Grassmann (right) with Issare Phinsuwana, representative from the winning vineyard, Monsoon Valley in Hua Hin Thailand

“Rosé wines are the ideal choice for Phuket’s tropical climate and we are delighted to partner with James and Jack to highlight the best in the world,” said Frank Grassmann, General Manager of THE NAI HARN. “Our ongoing collaboration with JamesSuckling.com matches our goal to offer the very best cuisine and finest drinks to our guests, from Thailand and around the world,” he added.

Best Rosé in Thailand 2018 Winners

STILL

Best of Show

Monsoon Valley Shiraz Thailand White 2017, 92 pts

Best Value

Monsoon Valley Shiraz Thailand White 2017, 92 pts

Top 10

1. Monsoon Valley Shiraz Thailand White 2017, 92 pts
2. Château Routas Coteaux Varois en Provence 2017, 92 pts
3. V&Co. Grenache Pays d'Oc Le Petit Cochonnet 2017, 92 pts
4. Caves d'Esclans Côtes de Provence Whispering Angel Rosé 2017, 92 pts
5. Château Gassier Côtes de Provence Esprit Gassier 2016, 92 pts
6. Laurent Miquel Cinsault Syrah Pays d'Oc Père et Fils 2016, 91 pts
7. GranMonte Syrah Asoke Valley Sakuna Rosé 2017, 91 pts
8. Miraval Côtes de Provence 2016, 92 pts
9. Mirabeau Côtes de Provence Pure 2017, 92 pts
10. Roubine Côtes de Provence R 2017, 91 pts

SPARKLING

Best of Show

Billecart-Salmon Champagne Brut Rosé NV, 94 pts

Best Value

Codorníu Cava Selecció Raventos Mètode Tradicional Brut NV, 91 pts

Top 10

1. Billecart-Salmon Champagne Brut Rosé NV, 94 pts
2. Bellavista Franciacorta Brut Rosé 2013, 93 pts

3. Codorníu Cava Seleccion Raventos Mètode Tradicional Brut NV 91 pts
4. Ferrari Trento Maximum Brut Rosé NV 92 pts
5. Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Champagne Brut Rosé NV 92 pts

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About THE NAI HARN

THE NAI HARN offers the perfect blend of romance, adventure, indulgence and a genuine sense of heritage, perched above Thailand's best beach*, ranged along a lush hillside at the southern tip of Phuket. The hotel offers dress circle seats to the greatest shown on earth – the spectacle of an Andaman sunset set against the dramatic promontory of Cape Promthep, best viewed from the four-poster day bed on your private 40sq m terrace, or from the re-born Rooftop Deck at our bucket list-worthy daily Magic Hour and Sunset Salutation Ritual. Phuket's only hotel with a real sense of history has hosted luminaries from royals to heads of state to stars of stage and screen – where else but at THE NAI HARN can you take a luxury speedboat island hopping to James Bond Island ... while staying in the suite occupied by Roger Moore or Christopher Lee during filming of The Man with the Golden Gun? Offering guest rooms at least as capacious as the generous terraces and suites best described as sublime, THE NAI HARN has been completely redesigned to maximize its exceptional vistas. Minimally elegant with lavish touches and 'ah' moments, this comprehensive reimagining of Phuket's first luxury resort infuses contemporary style with a Southern

Thai aesthetic, setting the scene for destination experiences informed by authenticity and local knowledge, new adventures on roads less travelled, and culinary experiences that define excellence. www.thenaiharn.com

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