



**HEYMANN-LÖWENSTEIN**

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## **Wine Oscar 2005**

presented at a gala dinner organised at the Louvre, Paris on Friday, March 11, 2005

The »Oscar« in the categorie »Best Foreign Wine« was given to Heymann-Löwenstein for their 1.Lage Uhlen Laubach 2002. For the first time in one hundred years, following the Gold medallion won by Egon Müller at the world-exhibition in 1900, a winery from Germany was presented this top award in Paris.



Four other wines were nominated for this category:  
Bodega Vega Sicilia, Unico 1994, Ribera del Duero, Spain  
Ridge, Montebello 1999, California Central Coast, US  
Castello di Fonterutoli, Chianti classico 2001, Tuscany, Italy  
Vergelegen, White 2002, South Africa

»Among these five exceptional wines, we chose to award the magnificent expression of the great European terroir and the noble grape: the riesling 2002 of the domaine Heymann-Löwenstein. An impossible vineyard to work, with a 70° gradient, where the vineyard workers use a wagon mounted on rails. The most thrilling of white grapes, riesling, which after the most difficult time in the last century is now exercising its true influence. An incomparable geology of schist where the grape can express its maximum character. A courageous and proud wine maker: in short, all the ingredients to make a great wine in the right mould according to a long European tradition We hope this will also make more widely known the great German riesling: certainly the least appreciated wine on the planet.« said Michel Bettane in his laudatio.

Here the list of all Oscar winners in 2005:

Château Latour 2003, Pauillac, »Wine of the Year«  
Heymann-Löwenstein, Uhlen 2002, »Best Foreign Wine«  
Château d'Yquem, Sauternes »Emile-Peynaud Prize«  
Renée Renou, Director of INAO, »Man of the year«  
Domaine Gauby, Côtes du Roussillon »Special prize«  
Domaine André et Mireille Tissot, Arbois »Discovery«