

GRAND PRIX de la ROSE 18th EDITION





Cover : STERNENHIMMEL (Ciel étoilé) 'Korhubkah' - © KORDES

Page 2 : La rose 'Société Nationale d'Horticulture de France' - © Pépinières et roseraies Georges Delbard



Following two editions at Parc Borely in Marseille and the Roseaie du Val de Marne in L'Haÿ-les-Roses, the Grand Prix de la Rose awards ceremony is back at the SNHF, we had to leave behind whilst it was undergoing a makeover – and as you can see, the result has lived up to our expectations.

This 18th edition of the Grand Prix de la Rose was particularly marked by unusual weather conditions which affected flowering, petal retention and the overall quality of the varieties presented.

Despite these challenges, the varieties presented by the breeders, which were the subject of attentive care by staff at the various sites, demonstrated exceptional qualities resulting from their talent.

Once again, it must be emphasised that, thanks to its deep roots, the rose is one of the plants that can withstand drought. It is the plant of the future, and its planting must be promoted.

The results of this 18th edition may seem surprising, even though they recognise established varieties.

Sincere thanks to the site managers and their teams who work throughout the year to ensure the full development of the competing varieties, to our loyal partners who have supported us for so many years, and to the 41 breeders who entrusted us with their 580 new varieties for testing.

Janic Gourlet

President of the Roses section
Société Nationale d'Horticulture de France

OUR DATA FROM THE GRAND PRIX DE LA ROSE

580
VARIETIES
OF ROSES
TESTED


NOT ONE
TREATMENT
ZERO
PESTICIDES

**7 LOCAL
JURIES &
1 NATIONAL
JURY**

41
BREEDERS
23 of whom are
Europeans &
North Americans





THE GRAND PRIX DE LA ROSE

The Grand Prix de la Rose rewards rose bushes which are best suited to all of our regional climates. These distinguished varieties of roses enable amateur gardeners to indulge in their passion with the best possible chances of success, regardless of their planting zones and under conditions which are respectful of the environment.

SEVEN OBSERVATION LOCATIONS

The roses in the competition are tested in the different climatic zones of France, at seven partner locations : Annecy, Bordeaux, L'Haÿ les Roses, Marseille, Montpellier, Nancy and Rennes. The roses are cultivated by very attentive gardeners, with a few nutritional amendments and no chemical treatments.

PARTICIPATING CONDITIONS

Only varieties which have been commercialized for less than five years are allowed to participate. The breeders, from all origins, may submit a total of two varieties per edition and in the following categories: Hybrid Teas (HT & BGF in French), Floribundas (FI & BFG in French), Ground Covers (GC & CS in French), Miniatures (MIN), Landscape (L & PAY in French) and Climbing (CI & SX in French).

EVALUATION

The roses are observed and graded by 70 specialists and enlightened amateurs over a 2 year period for the Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, Ground Covers and Miniatures while the Climbing and Landscape Roses are noted over a 3 year period at :

- the beginning of the flowering period,
- in full flower,
- during the second flush,
- at the end of the season.



2019 Jury at L'Haÿ les Roses

JUDGING CRITERIA

The judge's notes are based on several criteria: the quality of the flower and the rose bush, the flowering and falling of blossom, the vegetation, its overall health and sanitary condition, the perfume and the charm of the plant. The examiners also base their scores on the observations of the gardeners with respect to the growing cycle of the plants.

ROLE OF THE ROSE SELECTION

The Rose Section at the SNHF is the coordinating body of the Grand Prix de la Rose. Its President, Janic Gourlet, assisted by three members of this section, ensure the introductions and the coordination between with the test sites, the breeders and the different participants from this sector. The President also produces a synthesis of the scores based on the results from the seven local juries. The national jury then monitors the results and the distribution of the prizes.



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The Grand Prix de la Rose
rewards the best
best varieties of roses
which are adapted to all of
the regions of France



Prize-giving ceremony for the 16th Grand Prix de la Rose, at the 7th arrondissement town hall, Paris.



Prize-giving ceremony for the 17th Grand Prix de la Rose, at the Val-de-Marne Rose Garden.

→ AWARDS

From the President of France



The winner of the Grand Prix de la Rose receives a porcelain small dish in Sèvres blue decorated with 24-carat gold. This piece of art is made entirely by hand in the workshops of the famous manufactory, making each piece unique.

From Fragonard

PARFUMEUR

The famous perfume manufacturer from Grasse has gifted all the winners of the 18th edition of the Grand Prix de la Rose an assortment of floral scented products.



Porcelain small dish

GRAND PRIX WINNERS FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS



Grand Prix - 1st edition
Line Renaud® 'Meiclusif'
Breeder > Meilland



Grand Prix - 2nd edition
Louis Blériot® 'Meibiviers'
Breeder > Meilland



Grand Prix - 3rd edition
Sunstar® 'Korsteimm'
Breeder > Kordes



Grand Prix - 4th edition
Ali baba® 'Chewalibaba'
Breeder > Chris Warner



Grand Prix - 5th edition
Peace & Love® 'Chewsunsign'
Breeder > Chris Warner



Grand Prix - 6th edition
Crème Chantilly®
'Meiradena'
Breeder > Meilland / Radler



Grand Prix - 7th edition
Sweet Delight® 'Adalewski'
Breeder > Michel Adam



Grand Prix - 8th edition
Ville de Saumur® 'Fryacy'
Breeder > Gareth Fryer



Grand Prix - 9th edition
Château de Cheverny®
'Deliaupar'
Breeder > Georges Delbard



Grand Prix - 10th edition
Olivia Rose Austin® 'Ausmixture'
Breeder > David Austin



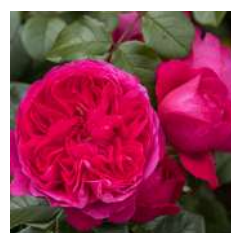
Grand Prix - 11th edition
Grain de Malice®
'Chewsergeant'
Breeder > Chris Warner



Grand Prix - 12th edition
Landlust® 'Kortuberlou'
Breeder > Kordes



Grand Prix - 13th edition
Auguste Escoffier®
'Meizasmynne'
Breeder > Meilland



Grand Prix - 14th edition
Deep Love® RT156 35
Breeder > Tantau



Grand Prix - 15th edition
N°610 'Reuzest'
Breeder > Reuter



Grand Prix - 16th edition
Abbaye de Beaulieu®
'Evealexedit'
Breeder > Roses André
Ève by Jérôme Rateau



Grand Prix - 17th edition
Dornburger Schlossrose®
Breeder > Tantau



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WINNERS of the 18^E EDITION



GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

– ALL categories combined

STERNENHIMMEL (CIEL ÉTOILÉ) 'Korhubkah'

MINIATURE

This rose captivates with its natural charm. It is a profusely flowering shrub throughout the season, with a uniform habit. Its rather small, pale pink, single flowers, with a pretty centre of stamens, are a delight to bees.

Creation > KORDES 🌿 Germany



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THE FIRST PRIZE WINNERS by category...



HYBRID TEA

MIM'S ROSE

'Viswenie'

This large-flowered shrub rose catches the eye from early summer with dozens of bright pink buds on reddish, thornless stems. The generous, double blooms, a deep pink in colour, possess the charm of old-fashioned roses and a strong fragrance. This rose is highly disease-resistant.

Creation > [Viva International](#) 🌿 Belgium

A FLORIBUNDA ROSEBUSH

CARA MIA

'Vismanedit'

This compact rose bush, with its clusters of flowers and pretty coral-coloured buds, produces bright orange blooms with reddish nuances at the centre. Its petals are slightly lobed, giving it a distinctive charm. Its glossy dark green foliage is highly disease-resistant.

Creation > [Viva International](#) 🌿 Belgium



LANDSCAPE

PAYSAGE CREVETTE

'Adayerema'

This very uniform shrub rose is covered in pretty clusters of flowers ranging in colour from bright pink to salmon. Its exposed stamens will be a delight to bees. Its glossy, soft-green foliage is edged with red, creating a very attractive overall appearance.

Creation > [Michel Adam](#) 🌿 France



CLIMBING

PERENNIAL DOMINO

This climbing rose blooms continuously, producing large clusters of magenta-red flowers that form a compact floral column. Its dense foliage, a lovely deep green, adds to its spectacular appearance.

Creation > [Tantau](#) 🌿 Germany





GROUND COVER

RE-UNION

This vigorous rose is covered in abundant, medium-sized flowers. It is ideal for covering large areas and in landscaping. Its dark, healthy foliage provides a pleasing contrast.

Creation > [Roses Forever](#) 🌹 [Denmark](#)

BEST PERFUM A FLORIBUNDA ROSEBUSH

ROSES EN BAIE

'Sirchef'

This rose delights us throughout the season with its pretty clusters of vibrant pink blooms, which possess the charm of old-fashioned roses with their dense clusters of petals. Its intense, lemony fragrance is a delight to gardeners. Its beautiful dark green foliage with red stems appeals to enthusiasts and makes for lovely, highly fragrant bouquets.

Creation > [Roseaie Guillot](#) 🌹 [France](#)



THE JURY'S FAVORITE 'COUP DE CŒUR' - MICHEL ROCHER A FLORIBUNDA ROSEBUSH

SANDRINE KIBERLAIN

'Delparocyane'

This rose, named in the presence of its godmother to mark the 90th anniversary of Delbard rose gardens and nurseries, captivates with its elegance and charm. Its large, soft pink, highly fragrant flowers brighten up gardens from May to October. Vigorous and a prolific bloomer, it is highly resistant to disease. It thrives in a sunny position and is hardy down to -20°C.

Creation > [Pépinières et roseraies
Georges Delbard](#) 🌹 [France](#)



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Today, still in family hands, the company employs 270 people and produces over a million hand tools a year, 90% of which are exported to over 110 countries.

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Although vines were first planted in Urville by the Gallo-Romans 2,000 years ago, it was Saint Bernard, founder of the Abbey of Clairvaux, who had our cellars built in 1152. Seven centuries later, in 1808, the family estate,

now run by Michel Drappier, was created around this magnificently preserved medieval testimony, where exceptional vintages lie dormant. Home to Pinot Noir, the grape variety that 'runs in our veins', Urville is also the site of our vineyard, cultivated according to the principles of organic and natural viticulture.

Like the 'archives' of our house's long history, we also continue to cultivate forgotten yet unforgettable grape varieties : Arbane, Petit Meslier and Blanc Vrai. Today, we prefer authenticity and naturalness to sophisticated excellence that is sometimes overdone. Thanks in particular to a very low dosage and an extremely moderate use of sulphites, of which the Brut Nature Sans Soufre cuvée is the culmination, we are able to bring out the many facets of our terroirs and our winemaking processes.

Drink in moderation.

More details on www.champagne-drappier.com



PARTNERSHIP SITES

THE SEVEN LOCATIONS & THEIR LOCAL JURIES

The cities of Annecy, Bordeaux, Marseille, Montpellier, Nancy, Rennes and the Departmental Council of the Val - de - Marne are partners with the SNHF's Grand Prix de la Rose and has welcomed rose candidates to their sites since 2008. Distributed throughout France to regions with different climatic conditions, these observation sites permit a fair assessment of the qualities and consistency of success of each rose under different growing conditions. Specialized gardeners at each location tend the roses and follow attentively their growth.

Four times a year and over a 2 or 3 year period depending on their category, a dozen local assessors visit and observe the roses. To judge the vegetative characteristics of each plant, they rely on the observations of the gardener. After each passage, they attribute a score from 1 to 10 for each criteria listed on their scoring matrix. The final result will be the average of all their scores.

THE NATIONAL JURY

The National Jury examines the scores given by each assessor at each site and establishes a ranked list for the different varieties. Given these results, the National Jury awards a prize per category, and if the scores allow it, a Grand Prize to the highest scoring rose from all the combined categories. In the event that scores are very close, the National Jury will determine the final ranking by taking into consideration the originality, the novelty and the charm of the top scoring roses.

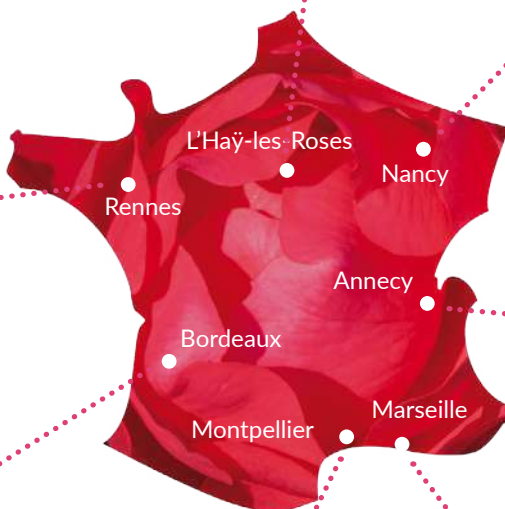


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The National Horticultural Society of France is open to all passionate gardeners. Their objective is to transmit knowledge and expertise of gardening practices and horticulture. Its mission is structured around three main axes: exchanging, promoting and preserving.

The SNHF develops diversified activities: trips and visites, workshops and demonstrations, trade fairs and events, conferences, colloquia and symposiums, competitions and award ceremonies, publications... Their collections and library have been enriched for over two centuries, making it one of the finest collections of horticultural documentation in France.

The SNHF addresses a wide audience including amateur gardeners, horticultural societies, training establishments, members of the plant trade and territorial collectivities.

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