



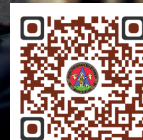
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Guilde Internationale des Fromagers

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Val Cavargna: Pilgrimage to the Chapel of Saint-Uguzon

The Guild at the Summit





>> Celebration

“Extraordinary joy”

A grandiose reunion on the site of the Chapel of Saint-Uguzon to mark the 50th anniversary of the Guilde.

It was a long-awaited event, and it fulfilled all expectations! The Guilde celebrated its patron saint, Saint-Uguzon September 2-4, in the Val Cavargna, in the Tessin in southern Switzerland. The Guilde’s last visit was a dozen years earlier.

Approximately 600 members made their way to the summit of the pass, some 180 of them having made the

climb on foot. The event was hosted by the Swiss club, which organized a magnificent Chapter event on the Saturday evening.

“The celebration gave us extraordinary joy,” shared Jürg Drayer, the club’s President.

Highlights of the event can be seen on the Guilde’s new YouTube channel, accessible via the QR code below. ■



>> Mundial do Queijo do Brasil in São Paulo

A packed program in Brazil



Camila Almeida, Carolina Vilhena, Heloisa Collins, Marly Leite and Edson Cardoso, the new Brazilian Maîtres Fromagers.

The Mundial do Queijo do Brasil, held in Sao Paulo, was attended by 53,000 people over three days dedicated to celebrating cheese. Three separate competitions were held: International products (more than 1200 products), Best Brazilian Cheesemonger,

and Best Brazilian Cheesemaker. The Guilde was very active, and conducted three chapter events. The Swiss Consul to Brazil, Pierre Hagmann, was one of the luminaries inducted. The Mundial was organized by the SerTãoBras Brazilian artisan cheesemaker’s association

in partnership with the Guilde Internationale des Fromagers.

After the intense excitement in São Paulo, Guilde members relaxed as they visited the state of Bahia, where a chapter event allowed them to meet with local producers. ■



>> Chapters and Annual Meeting of the Guilde at the Fort des Rousses

In the heart of the Haut-Jura

Baptised "Origines," the newest vaulted cave at the Fort des Rousses was inaugurated on October 21.



Emanuela Perezin, Serena Dinucci and Valentian Bergamin, of the Italian club.



Franck Ferrand, center.



Catherine Schmitlin, Laurent Dubois and Jean-François Dombre.



Jean-Charles Arnaud and brother Nathanaël.



Michel Blanc (Chateaneuf du Pape), center.

Two chapter events were held in grand style: one during a mountaintop luncheon at the summit of Poyet mountain where 12 Guilde members were inducted or promoted, the other an evening event at the Fort des Rousses, where 17 new members joined the Guilde's large family.

Among them, Brother Nathanaël, of the Abbaye de Tamié, as well as Philippe Faure-Brac, who in 2000 launched the Meilleurs Ouvriers de France wine sommelier competition and who has served as this section's president ever since. He received the

title Extraordinary Ambassador of the Guilde. Franck Ferrand, French writer and media personality specializing in history, was granted the distinction of Maître Honoris Caseus.

Members from eight countries attended the festivities. They were able to explore the recesses of the Fort, property of Fromagerie Juraflöre, directed by Jean-Charles Arnaud, Vice-Provost of the Guilde.

The capacity of this extraordinary Napoleonic building is now 190,000 wheels, including the new cave's capacity of 36,000. The Fort was also the site of the Guilde's 2022 annual

meeting, with 157 members present. Since the last annual meeting, held in San Sebastián in November 2021 in association with Fromagerie Agour, the Guilde has held 22 chapters (versus 5 in 2020 due to Covid) and inducted 225 members.

The Guilde now incorporates 8810 members.

The next annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 27, 2023, at the invitation of Fromagerie Papillon, on the occasion of the reopening of its ovens, where the loaves are baked that allow the cultivation of the precious *Penicillium Roqueforti*. ■

The World Cheese Awards recognizes a Swiss Gruyère AOP

The provost was not seated at the Supreme Judges table at the *World Cheese Awards* as he has been since the competition's start, due to his presence in Japan to expand the club there.

But many Guilde members were in attendance, including Denis Käser, recently inducted Garde et Juré in

Brazil. As Export Manager for the Swiss Gruyère AOP interprofession, he was overjoyed to see his beloved cheese crowned "World's Best Cheese" on November 2, in Newport, Wales. The competition topped its previous records with some 4433 products judged by 250 judges at 96 tables, each holding some 45 cheeses. ■

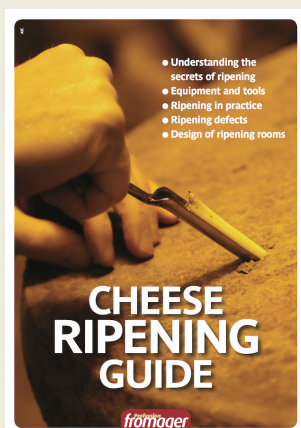
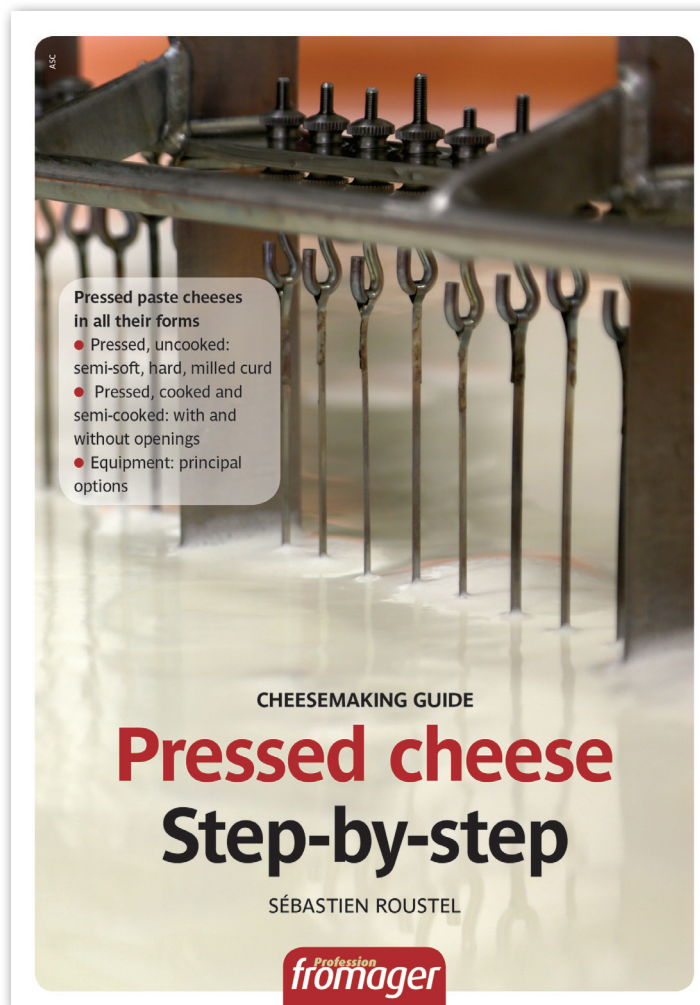


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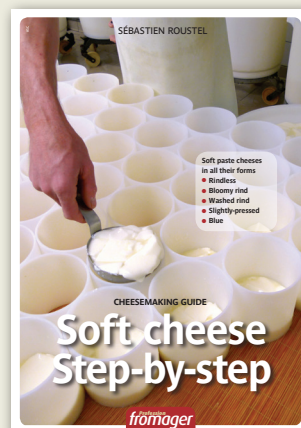
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