

# Swiss Mountain Spring Tonic Water

Long-Time Guest Débuts New Soft Drink at the Restaurant Wasserngrat

With its steep Alpine peaks and trickling streams, it's no surprise Switzerland is home to some of the world's tastiest, cleanest drinking water. Long-time guest Peter Oppliger would agree—this Basel-based businessman had the idea to create boutique mixers with this natural resource.

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Long-time Saanenland guest and owner of Syngama, Oppliger was on hand at the Wasserngrat last month for the official launch of the company's newest product, Swiss Mountain Spring Tonic Water.

While the water is from the Allegra source in Graubünden, it does have a local connection. The idea for the tonic water was born at the 16 Art-Bar-Restaurant in Saanen. Michael Schneider, creator of one of Switzerland's own gins, and Oppliger, were persuaded by the owners of the 16, brothers Simon and Nik Buchs to create a tonic wa-



Official launch of Swiss Mountain Spring Tonic Water on the Wasserngrat

ter. Rather than the tonics available today, which they deemed too sweet, „artsy”, and full of flavour, they aimed to create a soft drink that was very pure—and very Swiss. Like most things produced in Switzerland,

the tonic water comes at an elevated price, heftier several times over than its international competitors. But for locals and guests who prefer locally made food and drink, it's one that they are happy to pay.



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