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Maserati 450 S voted 'Best in Show' at Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2014

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The jury has voted: the title of 'Best in Show' at Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2014 has gone to the 1956 Maserati 450 S owned by Swiss collector Albert Spiess...

The jury said the decision was not an easy one this year, with so many worthy cars in the competition. A 1957 Ferrari 250 GT Tour de France and the wedge-shaped Abarth 2000 Scorpione design study of 1969 were also in contention – but while the Abarth was commended for its influence on later cars such as the [Lamborghini Countach](#), the Maserati was ultimately chosen for its purposeful elegance. Owner Albert Spiess is a regular at Villa d'Este, previously exhibiting several of his prized Lamborghinis; the [Lamborghini 5-95 Zagato](#) in the concept class this year was also created at his behest. Spiess was awarded a unique [A. Lange & Söhne watch](#) for the 'Best in Show' win, which supersedes that of [Ralph Lauren's Bugatti Type 57SC Atlantic at the 2013 Concorso](#).

Meanwhile, the audience-voted Coppa d'Oro title went to the [Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 GS Spider Corsa](#) of Corrado Lopresto. Winning the [concept category](#) was the striking Maserati Alfieri, and a 1929 Opel Motoclub Supersport with torpedo sidecar clinched the Trofeo BMW Group for motorcycles.

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