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Les Dames d'Escoffier Member Dame Pascaline Lepeltier Breaks Through Wine Glass Ceiling

*First female sommelier named Meilleur Ouvriers de France and
Best Sommelier de France at Union de la Sommellerie*

New York, NY (January 2019)— Dame Pascaline Lepeltier has achieved the groundbreaking accomplishment of becoming the first female sommelier “Un des Meilleurs Ouvriers de France (Best Craftsmen of France, M.O.F. for short) and Best Sommelier de France at Union de la Sommellerie”, two of the highest French awards in the field. She is currently a managing partner at Racines NY, one of the top wine destinations in the U.S.

On the evening Lepeltier was inducted into the invitation-only Les Dames d'Escoffier New York (LDNY) Chapter—a philanthropic organization comprised of women leaders in the food, fine beverage and hospitality professions—she brought along her luggage in order to make the flight for the competition finale of “Un des Meilleurs Ouvriers de France”, where she won top honor in the Sommelier category.

“Un des Meilleurs Ouvriers de France” (Best Craftsmen of France) is a prestigious award competition started by the French Ministry of Labor in 1924. Held every four years, the competition is a series of juried contests where more than 200 artisan trade professionals work to create a masterpiece approaching perfection in their respective fields. As winner of the Sommelier category of M.O.F., Lepeltier excelled through superlative and creative wine pairing and service recommendations for competition guests. She will retain her title for life.



Photo Credit: Mike Rush

For interviews with Pascaline Lepeltier about these groundbreaking achievements or to learn more about Les Dames d'Escoffier New York efforts in recognizing and organizing current and future women leaders in the food, hospitality and fine beverage fields, contact Dame Ronnie Campbell at info@ldny.org.

About Les Dames d'Escoffier New York

Les Dames d'Escoffier New York (LDNY) is the founding and largest chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier International, a philanthropic non-profit 501(c)(3) organization comprised of professional women in food, fine beverage, and hospitality whose mission is the education, advocacy and empowerment of talented women through mentoring and scholarships.

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