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Announcing Wine Enthusiast's 2012 Wine Star Award Winners



The leading magazine in wine lifestyle names the 2012 luminaries of the wine industry and reveals a new category

New York, NY (November 13, 2012) – For more than a decade, the editors of *Wine Enthusiast Magazine* have honored individuals who have contributed to the success of the wine and spirits industry with the Wine Star Awards. The winners are noted for their energy and groundbreaking vision, but this year, another theme is apparent: family. Because of the long-term nature of the industry, family-owned concerns have always been the bedrock that the wine business rests on.

"It is with great pride that we award this prestigious recognition to the leaders of an industry driving a great passion we all have for wine," stated Publisher and Editor Adam Strum. "We are thrilled to add these individuals and businesses to our family of Wine Star Awards winners."

This year, *Wine Enthusiast Magazine* is also pleased to reveal a new category for 2012 - the Sommelier of the Year Award. This award acknowledges the great contributions members of that profession make to our enjoyment of wine and spirits. A great sommelier bridges the realms of consumer and producer, bringing them together to serve both equally well.

And the Winners are...



Wine Person
of the Year
Joseph E. Gallo
E. & J. Gallo



Lifetime Achievement
Miguel A. Torres
Torres Group



Winemaker
of the Year
Jorge Riccitelli
Bodega Norton



American Winery
of the Year
Raymond Vineyards
Jean-Charles Boisset, CEO



European Winery
of the Year
Arnaldo Caprai
Marco Caprai



New World Winery
of the Year
Golan Heights Winery
*Anat Levi and
Victor Schoenfeld*



Wine Region
of the Year
Ribera del Duero, Spain



Importer
of the Year
Kobrand Corporation
*Robert Deroose
President and CEO*



Retailer
of the Year
Binny's Beverage Depot
Michael Binstein, CEO



Distiller
of the Year
Michter's
*Joe Magliocco
President Chatham Imports*



Mixologist/Brand
Ambassador
of the Year
Angus Winchester
Tanqueray Gin



Sommelier
of the Year
Michael Madrigale
*Bar Boulud, Épicerie Boulud,
Boulud Sud*



Innovator
of the Year
David Biggar
Vintage Point



American Wine Legend
Hubert Opici
Opici Wine Group

To read in-depth profiles of the Wine Star Award winners, pick up the Best of Year issue of *Wine Enthusiast Magazine* available on newsstands and digitally at WineMag.com on December 13th, 2012. The winners will be honored at the Wine Star Awards Dinner on Monday, January 28th in New York City.

Wine Star Awards Dinner
The New York Public Library - The Celeste Bartos Forum

Monday, January 28th 2013

Fifth Avenue at 41st Street, New York City
Black Tie

Reception: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Dinner & Awards: 7:30 - 11:00 pm

\$1,000 per person • Table of 10 - \$9,500

Table of 12 - Please inquire.

Space is very limited.

Wine Enthusiast Companies donates the net proceeds from this event to benefit research in the wine and spirits industry with The Wine Market Council, a non-profit organization.



Master of
Ceremonies
Adam Strum

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