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**DRINK ME MAGAZINE ANNOUNCES ITS 2014 ELITE 150 WINNERS**

Names the 50 Best Beer, Wine and Spirits Products for 2014

Includes 'Best of Category' Awards

San Francisco/New York – February 4th, 2014 -- *Drink Me Magazine*, the beer, wine and spirits lifestyle publication, today announced its top 150 best products for 2014. The *Drink Me* editorial team tasted through hundreds of different examples in each category to narrow down their 50 best beers, wines, and spirits. The judging and selections were led by Brian Freedman, *Drink Me Magazine's* new Editor-in-Chief.

Results can be found on DrinkMeMag.com.

The inaugural *Drink Me* 2014 Elite 150 includes a wide range of beverages from producers both large and small, a breadth of choice that the selection process itself is designed to accommodate. From ambitious bottlings crafted by the largest manufacturers to more niche products pushed to market by smaller independent producers, the *Drink Me* 2014 Elite 150 represents the best of what the team of editors has sampled in the past year, regardless of how familiar or potentially surprising they may be to consumers and industry alike.

“By leveling the playing field, and considering everything we have tasted on its own merits and against like-priced products, we hope to introduce readers to beers, wines and spirits that they may not have considered or known about before,” Freedman explained. “On this year’s list, for example, our favorites ran the gamut from a Cognac costing more than \$20,000 to a Blaufränkisch that offers fantastic bang for the proverbial buck at under \$20. We believe that, these days, lovers of great beers, wines and spirits appreciate quality at all price levels.”

The *Drink Me* 2014 Elite 150 winners will be featured at two media and trade focused events in San Francisco and New York City, and included in the end-of-year *Drink Me* Buyers Guide, which will be distributed nationally through both digital and print channels.

**About *Drink Me Magazine***

*Drink Me* is a lifestyle media platform that includes print, digital media, and live events created for the alcohol enthusiast. Developed to help our audience navigate the art and cultures of the world’s premium alcohol products, *Drink Me* has built a passionate community that seeks out and shares the epicurean traditions of the leading premium wine, beer, and spirits categories.

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## 2014 WINE WINNERS

Importer, Producer, Product - Price

AI Selections, **Weingut Strehn, Blaufränkisch 2011** - \$14

Ascent Wines Inc., **Domaine Gayda, Figure Libre "Freestyle" 2011** - \$20

Ascent Wines Inc., **Domaine Gayda, Chemin de Moscou 2011** - \$27

Beaune Imports, **Agrapart & Fils, "Minéral" Extra Brut Blanc de Blancs 2006** - \$75

**Boisset, Domaine de la Vougeraie, Vougeot Clos du Prieuré 2009** - \$60

Cognac One, **Lenoble, "Terroirs" Brut Rosé NV** - \$46

Diamond Importers, **Domaine Sigalas, Assyrtiko 2012** - \$17

Frederick Wildman & Sons, **Laurent Miquel, "Larmes des Fées" 2008** - \$35

Gérard Bertrand USA, **Gérard Bertrand, Pinot Noir "Domaine de l'Aigle" 2011** - \$15

Kermitt Lynch, **Domaine Comte Abbatucci, "Cuvee Faustine Rouge" NV** - \$33

Little Peacock Imports, **Moorooduc Estate, Chardonnay 2011** - \$20

Michael Skurnik, **Henri Goutorbe, "Special Club" Brut 2004** - \$83

Michael Skurnik, **Schloss Gobelsburg, NV Brut Reserve** - \$27

Michael Skurnik, **Selbach-Oster, "Schmitt" Zeltinger Schlossberg Riesling Spätlese 2012** - \$50

Michael Skurnik, **Varnier-Fannièrre, "Cuvee St.-Denis" Grand Cru Blanc de Blancs Brut NV** - \$65

Michael Skurnik, **Vilmart & Cie, "Grand Cellier d'Or" Brut 2007** - \$99

Moët Hennessy USA, **Champagne Krug, Brut Blanc de Blancs Clos du Mesnil 1998** - \$669

Moët Hennessy USA, **Champagne Krug, "Grande Cuvée" Brut NV** - \$184

Mollydooker International, **Mollydooker, Velvet Glove 2011** - \$166

Negociants USA, **Jansz, "Tasmania Premium Rosé"** - \$22

Palm Bay International, **Domaine Paul Mas, Estate Marsanne "La Forge Vineyard" 2012** - \$10

Remy Cointreau USA, **Laroche, "La Croix Chevalière" 2010** - \$TBA

St. Michelle Wine Estate, **Nicolas Feuillatte, "Palme d'Or" Brut 2002** - \$188

Vineyard Brands, **Salon, "Le Mesnil" Brut Blanc de Blancs 1996** - \$475

Vinum Wine Importing, **Esporão, Verdelho 2012** - \$12