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Highlights: Decanter Man of the Year lunch



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The great and the good of the fine wine world gathered for the 2017 Decanter Man of the Year Award lunch at Le Gavroche Restaurant in London's Mayfair on Tuesday 28 March in honour of this year's recipient, Steven Spurrier.

Guests at the event were made up of professional colleagues, friends and family. Many had flown in from across Europe, the Americas and Asia in order to be present.



Steven Spurrier with Decanter managing director, Sarah Kemp. Credit: Cath Lowe/Decanter

Their number also comprised no less than eleven former Decanter men and women of the year including Aubert de Villaine, Piero Antinori, Angelo Gaja, Michael Broadbent MW, Gerard Basset MW MS OBE, Jancis Robinson MW OBE, Jean-Pierre Perrin, Ernst Loosen, Alvaro Palacios, Nicolas Catena and Hugh Johnson OBE.

The inscribed cut glass Decanter Award was formally presented to Steven Spurrier by Decanter's managing director Sarah Kemp and content director, John Stimpfig.

'It's about people who make a real difference. As a passionate writer, critic, communicator, educator and wine producer, Steven Spurrier could not be more deserving of this honour,' said Sarah Kemp.

'What you have brought to the wine world is openness. For you, the only thing that counts is quality. You are label-agnostic, and as such you have opened the eyes and filled the glasses of wine lovers around the world.'