

WINE ENTHUSIAST

A Magical, Musical Evening for the 16th Annual Wine Enthusiast Wine Star Awards

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Wine, spirits and beer industry luminaries poured into Manhattan's magical New York Public library on Monday, Jan. 25, 2016 for *Wine Enthusiast's* 16th annual Wine Star Awards black-tie gala—an evening featuring plenty of wine and song.

Attendees filed into the Library's grand Astor Hall to enjoy a high-energy cocktail hour, featuring frosty glasses of **Belvedere Vodka** and **New Amsterdam** cocktails, as well as select pours from the night's winners. **Costco Wholesale** generously provided selections, including a 2010 Brunello di Montalcino and Napa Valley 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon. Other bottles included **Viña Santa Carolina's** 2011 VSC Assemblage, Luce Della Vite's 2012 Luce and **Ferrari's** 2007 Perlé Rosé from Trento.

The evening kicked off with a brand new Wine Star Award, Wine & Culture, which Master of Ceremonies Adam Strum, chairman of Wine Enthusiast Companies and editor and publisher of *Wine Enthusiast*, presented to vintner **Jean-Charles Boisset** and Grammy and Oscar award-winning artist singer/songwriter **John Legend** for their Napa Valley wine-label collaboration, **Legend Vineyard Exclusive**.

Before accepting the award, Legend treated the room's starstruck guest with an exclusive performance of his hit song "All of Me."

"Wine and music are a wonderful pairing," Strum said, handing the award to Boisset and Legend.

“We are thrilled that the editors of *Wine Enthusiast* have recognized the overwhelming talent that John Legend brings to the world of wine, and the incredible vision he had to bring wine, music and culture together to create the extraordinary LVE Collection of wines!” said Boisset in a glowing speech, and again [via social media](#).

Other Wine Star Award recipients included **Camron King**, executive director of the Lodi Wine Grape Commission, who accepted the award for **Lodi’s Wine Region of the Year**.

