

WINE ENTHUSIAST
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2005
Wine Star Awards



Announcing
the 2005
Wine Star Award
Nominees

And, the nominees are:

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Wine Man of the Year

Piero Antinori
Bernard Arnault
Fred Franzia
Patrick Ricard
Gianni Zonin

American Winery of the Year

Benziger (California)
Harlan (California)
Don Sebastiani & Sons (California)
Leonetti Cellars (Washington State)
Quilceda Creek (Washington State)

European Winery of the Year

Bollinger (France)
JM da Fonseca (Portugal)
Krug (France)
Louis Roederer (France)
Mezzacorona (Italy)

New World Winery of the Year

Jim Barry (Australia)
Clarendon Hills (Australia)
Osyoos Larose (Canada)
Vergelegen (South Africa)
Vilafonté (South Africa)

Winemaker of the Year

Dominique Demarville (G. H. Mumm)
Carlo Ferrini (Consultant)
Peter Gago (Penfolds)
Bob Levy (Harlan, Bond)
Ernst Loosen (Dr. Loosen)

Wine Region of the Year

Colchagua Valley (Chile)
Medoc (France)
Priorat (Spain)
Prosecco (Italy)
Santa Barbara (California)

Importer of the Year

Terry Thiese
Broadbent Selections
Empson & Company
Jorge Ordnez
Negociants USA

Retailer of the Year

Beverages & More
Garagiste
Premier Cru Wine Merchants
Sam's Wine & Spirits
Trader Joe's

Distiller of the Year

Appleton Estate
Johnnie Walker
Laird's AppleJack
Tanqueray
Wokka Saki

Lifetime Achievement

David Lett
John Mariani
Robert M. Parker, Jr.
Philippine de Rothschild
Miguel Torres

Wine Enthusiast Magazine announces the nominees for its 2005 Wine Star Awards, in 10 major categories in the wine and spirits industry. These nominees will appear in the November 1 issue of the magazine, to be released in early October. The winners for this year, in each category, will be announced in mid-November. Profiles of all the award recipients will appear in the December 15 awards issue, on newsstands November 22.

Wine Enthusiast Magazine's staff selected the nominees, based on outstanding contributions to the world of wine and spirits, with particular emphasis on achievements in the year 2005.

The gala black-tie awards ceremony honoring the winners will take place in New York City on January 23, 2006, in the New York Public Library's Astor Hall and Celeste Bartos Forum. It is open exclusively to the members of the wine and spirits industry.

"This will be the sixth year of our Wine Enthusiast Awards Dinner," commented Adam Strum, editor and publisher of *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*, "and we have been gratified that with each passing year, the award grows in importance and prestige. We are grateful for the opportunity to honor these visionaries."

Substantiating Strum's words is the statement made by Mel Dick of Southern Wines and Spirits, the 2004 Man of the Year. "It was a great honor for me to receive the Wine Enthusiast Award, and I am very grateful to Wine Enthusiast for having selected me. I am also grateful to my colleagues and friends who attended this beautiful event, and shared in the excitement and warmth generated by all the award winners. The Wine Star Awards are the pre-eminent venue for acknowledging excellence in the wine and spirits world, and this award dinner is among my fondest memories and accomplishments."

The *Wine Enthusiast Magazine's* Wine Star Awards was initiated in 2001, honoring achievements for the year 2000. Last year its winners were Man of the Year: Mel Dick, Southern Wine & Spirits of America; American Winery of the Year: Chateau Ste. Michelle; European Winery of the Year: Masi Agricola; New World Winery of the Year, Concha y Toro; Winemaker of the Year: Jacques Lardiere, Maison Louis Jadot; Importer of the Year, Palm Bay Imports; Distiller of the Year: Heaven Hill Distilleries; Wine Region of the Year: Oakville, Napa Valley; Retailer of the Year: Total Wine & More; Restaurateur of the Year, Jean-Georges Vongerichten, and Lifetime Achievement Award, John DeLuca.

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