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2014 Naples Winter Wine Festival, Celebrate the Journey, to feature respected wine experts as official festival sommeliers

NAPLES, Fla. (Jan 14, 2014)—The 14th annual Naples Winter Wine Festival, taking place Jan. 24-26, 2014, will host a group of 12 of the nation's most distinguished wine service professionals as festival sommeliers this year at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples, Florida. The sommeliers will lend their extensive wine knowledge and experience, which includes a total of seven Master Sommelier certifications, background positions at Michelin-starred restaurants, top sommelier awards and industry leadership positions, to the numerous festival events.

Festival sommeliers will join 38 wineries and 16 celebrity chefs at this year's vintner dinners and the festival auction. Among the talent assembled by 2014 festival Co-Chairs Linda Richards Malone, Anne Welsh McNulty and Adria Starkey are Honored Vintner Olivier Krug of Krug Champagne and Chef de Cuisine Bill Telepan of New York City's Telepan and Telepan Local.



Ian Cauble, MS

The purpose of the Naples Winter Wine Festival is to raise funds for the Naples Children & Educational Foundation (NCEF), which serves underprivileged and at-risk children in the community of Collier County, Florida. Since 2001, the festival has raised over \$110 million for the NCEF.

2014 Naples Winter Wine Festival sommeliers include:

Christopher Birnie-Visscher, db Bistro Moderne, Miami, Florida
Advanced ambassador, Wines of Portugal Wine Academy
Advanced sommelier certification, Court of Master Sommeliers
Participant in 2013 TOP|SOMM Competition - South region

Jason Carlen, Spiaggia, Chicago, Illinois

Spiaggia wine list given "Best of Award of Excellence" by *Wine Spectator*

Ian Cauble, MS, SommSelect.com (launching March 2014)

Winner of 2011 Chaîne des Rôtisseurs "Young Sommelier" Competition

Gold Medal at 2011 International Jeunes Sommelier Competition - Named "Best Young Sommelier in the World"

Winner of 2011 TOP|SOMM Competition

Co-star of the 2012 wine documentary "Somm"

Elizabeth Dowty, Vino Wholesale, New Orleans, Louisiana

Passed two levels of the Master Sommelier test

Southwest finalist at 2011 Chaîne des Rôtisseurs "Young Sommelier" Competition

Southeast Regional winner of 2012 "Top New Somm" competition with the Guild of Sommeliers

David Glancy, MS, CWE, FWS, San Francisco Wine School, San Francisco, California

Also runs SFSommelier Consulting

Echanson Provincial PNW for the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs

Jason Heller, MS, Dana Estates, Rutherford, Napa Valley, California

Named "Best New Sommelier" by *Wine & Spirits* magazine (2009)

First place at 2010 TOP|SOMM "Young Sommelier" Competition

Rachael Lowe, Naha, Chicago, Illinois

Master Sommelier candidate

Sur Lucero, MS, Jackson Family Wines, Napa, California

Listed as one of the "Best New Sommeliers" by *Wine & Spirits* magazine (2011)

2012 Krug Cup recipient of the Court of Master Sommeliers

Christopher Miller, MS, Harlan family of wineries, Napa Valley, California

Listed as one of the "Best New Sommeliers" by *Wine & Spirits* magazine (2008)

"Best Young Sommelier in the World," International Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Competition, Vienna

"Rising Star Sommelier for Los Angeles" StarChef (2010)

"Best Sommelier in Los Angeles" *LA Weekly* (2012)

Kathryn Morgan, MS, instructor at Capital Wine School, International Culinary Center, Washington, D.C.

19th woman in the world to earn a Master Sommelier certification

Named "Best sommelier in Washington" by *Washington City Paper* (2010)

Responsible for 2941 Restaurant's "Best Wine and Beverage Program" award by Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington (2010)

Luis Reyneri, Domaine Serene Winery, Dayton, Oregon; Hobe Sound, Florida

Certified Wine Educator, Society of Wine Educators

Advanced Sommelier, Court of Master Sommeliers

Larry Stone, MS, Huneus Vintners, San Francisco, California

First American to win the Grand Prix de Sopexa for Best International Sommelier in French Wines

Awards: Michelin Star, the Ivy Award from *Restaurants and Institutions*, Silver Spoon from *Food and Wine*, James Beard Foundation Who's Who, James Beard Foundation Outstanding Wine Service Award, *Wine Spectator* Grand Award for 12 years

Festival ticket packages are \$8,500 per couple; \$20,000 for reserved seating at the same vintner dinner for two couples. For a schedule of 2014 festivities and more information about the Naples Winter Wine Festival, visit www.napleswinefestival.com or call 888-837-4919.

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