



The Wine World is Here

GREAT FOOD. GREAT WINE LISTS. GREAT PEOPLE.

The following awards were presented at the 40th Vancouver International Wine Festival in March.

Spirited Industry Professional



Barbara Philip MW

The annual Spirited Industry Professional Award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the sales, service or promotion of wine in British Columbia.

Barbara Philip was the first Western Canadian to achieve the Master of Wine designation and is the only woman in Canada with this distinction. For close to 10 years she has managed the European Portfolio at BC Liquor Stores, and is a presenter, educator, journalist and wine judge.



Sommelier of the Year



Sean Nelson, sommelier, Vij's

The Sommelier of the Year Award recognizes working sommeliers who consistently demonstrate an outstanding passion for marrying wine with food and a dedication to exceptional service. Sean Nelson was selected through a hands-on competition organized by the BC Chapter of the Canadian Association of Professional Sommeliers.

Sean grew up in Greater Vancouver and entered the hospitality industry at age 16. After being bitten by the wine bug, he completed his WSET Intermediate and Advanced certification with Distinction and is working towards sitting the Master Sommelier Examination in 2019



Vintners Brunch Food and Wine Pairing Competition



**Executive Chef Poyan Danesh
Ocean Mama Seafood**

Organic Black Tiger Shrimp, Textures of Cauliflower, Almond Dust, Bacon Vinaigrette

paired with
Intersection Estate Winery
Reserve Viognier-Marsanne Barrel Ferment 2014

Expert judges were Julian Bond, Josh Clark, Tim Pawsey and Joanne Sasvari.



WINE PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AWARDS

2018



The Wine Program Excellence awards recognize restaurants for creating a wine program that complements their establishment's unique menu and concept. Expert judges were Tom Doughty, Jay Jones, DJ Kearney, Iain Philip, and Jason Yamasaki.

METRO VANCOUVER

Platinum

- L'Abattoir
- Blue Water Cafe + Raw Bar
- Burdock & Co.
- CinCin Ristorante + Bar
- Hawksworth Restaurant
- Vij's

Gold

- AnnaLena
- Chambar
- Mak N Ming – Best New Entry
- Mission
- Mott 32
- Nightingale
- Provence Marinaside/The Wine Bar
- Savio Volpe
- Tap Restaurant
- Yuwa Japanese Cuisine

Silver

- Ancora Waterfront Dining and Patio
- Boulevard Kitchen & Oyster Bar
- Fable Kitchen
- Forage
- Joe Fortes Seafood & Chop House
- PiDiGiN
- The Stable House Bistro
- Wilbeest

Bronze

- Le Crocodile
- Homer St. Cafe and Bar
- Tableau Bar Bistro
- Tramonto at River Rock Casino Resort
- Tuc Craft Kitchen
- West Restaurant

Honourable Mention

- Feast
- The Mackenzie Room
- Yew Seafood + Bar

WHISTLER

Gold

- Araxi Restaurant + Oyster Bar

Silver

- Alta Bistro

Bronze

- Basalt Wine + Salumeria

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Gold

- Agrius Restaurant (Victoria)

Silver

- Nourish Kitchen & Café (Victoria)
- OLO Restaurant (Victoria)

Honourable Mention

- 10 Acres Kitchen (Victoria)
- Artisan Bistro (Victoria)
- Ocean7 AQUA Bistro at Kingfisher Resort (Courtenay)
- Pacific Prime Restaurant & Lounge, The Beach Club Resort (Parksville)
- Unsworth Restaurant (Mill Bay)

BC INTERIOR

Gold

- Emerald Lake Lodge (Field)

ALBERTA

Platinum

- Cilantro (Calgary)

Gold

- The Lake House (Calgary)
- Vin Room Mission (Calgary)
- Vin Room YYC Airport (Calgary)

Silver

- Buffalo Mountain Lodge (Banff)
- Deer Lodge (Lake Louise)
- Rouge (Calgary)
- Vin Room West (Calgary)

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